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Acting upon instructions from the Department to be in Washington for consultation on Friday, February 1, I took a precautionary Air France flight on Saturday, January 26 from Peking to Paris. It was a swift journey, about eighteen hours, including a stop at Karachi. E. is to follow a week later.

Jean Lambert saw me on Sunday at the Ritz Hotel, where I stayed during my French visit. He informed me of the status of his divorce proceedings, as well as of his maneuverings in the Hoffmann-Laroche affair.

On Monday, January 28, I lunched at the Travellers, and dined in an excellent bistro with Bengie, Ridge Knight, and her personable son. Ridge now represents the Chase Manhattan Bank in Europe.

The following day, I flew to London, where I found things at our Albany apartment in good order. Since our leases expired on December 31, 1973, we have worried over their renewal. Last April, we commissioned a firm of London solicitors to exert themselves to effect a seven year extension of the two leases. I saw the solicitor in charge of the affair today. Nothing has happened. He is engaged in negotiations with representatives of the proprietors, one of whom has demanded a doubling of the rent.

I talked to Fleur Meyer who understands the intricacies of Albany transactions better than any one, then again had recourse to my lawyer. There is nothing more I can do at this stage.

I spend three heavenly days in London, exempt from all professional cares, before taking off by Pan American on Friday, February 1st for Washington, where I reported in that afternoon at the Department. The Secretary was not there, but I conversed with some of his associates.

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At the Georgetown House, I was enchanted to find Paule Obendorff (E.'s attractive cousin, our tenant) and Nicky in Residence. Maria, the sweet Portuguese maid, and Jimmie Atkins, had made every provision for my needs. The two Spaniels were well, though obese.

I spent most of Saturday, the second, at the Department talking to Art Hummel, Oscar Armstrong, and others. Henry Kissinger sent word he would see me on Monday.

Dined that night with Pamela and Averell Harriman. The McNamaras were there. It was an agreable occasion.

On Sunday afternoon February 3, Martin Herz and his wife came to see me, bringing with them a tin of caviar and a bottle of champagne to celebrate his nomination as our Ambassador to Bulgaria. This talented man, in whose career I have always taken a close interest, is eminently qualified for such an appointment.

Dined that night at the Joe Alsops, where other guests were Susan Mary, Alexander Haig, Lily Guest. Haig is attractive and able. He looks much older than when I saw him a few months ago; his onerous responsibilities at the White House under existing conditions must be crushing and discouraging, but he seemed in good spirits.

Monday, February 4, 1974

Dentist. Lunched at the Metropolitan Club--met old friends. Discussed Chinese problems with Hummel, Armstrong et al; settled personnel assignments satisfactorily with Nathaniel Davis, Director General of the Foreign Service.

Tuesday, February 5, 1974

Lunched at Le Bagatelle with Joan Braden. We gossiped happily about the bureaucratic world of Washington, on which subject she is an expert.

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Afterwards office chores; tonight at last a long father-son talk with Nicky.

Wednesday, February 6, 1974

A satisfactory conversation with Winston Lord, an encyclopaedia of diplomatic information. Lunched with Findley Burns, now separated from the Foreign Service; his last post was as Ambassador to Equador.

Alice Longworth took Joe Alsop and me in her car to dine at the Bradens in Chevy Chase. As always, there were swarms of people representing many callings in life--Hollywood, Politics, News Media, Writers. The house was stiff with Senators, Cabinet Officers, Ambassadors, all part of this incestuous society. A gay rout. The Bradens have a gift for enlivening a mixed lot of people. Henry Kissinger arrived late, but ebullient.

Thursday, February 7, 1974

I lunched at Blair House as the guest of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, of which I had been a member in President Eisenhower's Administration.

Saw Deputy Secretary Rush this afternoon, then Leonard Unger, about to become our Ambassador in Taiwan. Dined genially tonight at Lily Guest's with the Robert Charles.

Friday, February 8, 1974

The CIA sent a car for me this morning, to fetch me for lunch today with Director William Colby and his associates. Was impressed by the detailed knowledge of their Chinese affairs experts.

Saturday, February 9, 1974

Lunched with HAK. We discussed many subjects. He wants me to serve

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on our delegation for the energy crisis; it will be attended by the Foreign and Finance Ministers of the nine European Community countries. I am delighted with the prospect. E. telephoned me yesterday from Paris--she goes to Washington tomorrow.

Sunday, February 10, 1974

At 9 o'clock this morning, I breakfasted at State with HAK, Hal Sonnenfeld, Art Hartman, and members of the West German Delegation to the Energy Conference. Foreign Minister Walter Scheel and Finance Minister Helmut Schmidt were the leading German guests. Afterwards, he had me with him while he conferred with the Canadian Foreign Minister.

Had lunch at home with Joan Braden. I have developed a violent case of flu. A high fever drove me miserably to bed and anti-biotics. E. arrived this afternoon.

Monday, February 11, 1974

Breakfast at State this morning with HAK, Alec Douglas-Home, and their respective staffs. We sat down at 8 a.m. Peter Carrington will arrive later in the day.

The Conference convened this morning, chaired by HAK. He presided admirably, a difficult task in this assembly where there are no coordinated views. His proposal was for the appointment of officials representing the nine Common Market countries, the Canadians and Americans, to shape up an agreed position by the chief consuming countries of petroleum and natural gas to meet later with producers of these commodities. Intermediately, there would be a gathering of the same consumers with appropriate agents of developing countries. The ensuing debate was confused. Some favored leaving the

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whole affair to the OECD, though it was obvious this organization could not deal with the subject in its entirety. Others thought it should be turned over to the United Nations, to which the energy crisis has already been referred. The most eloquent and sensible speaker was, I thought, the German Schmidt. The most uncooperative and antagonistic was Jobert, the French Foreign Minister, a brilliant, chauvinistic chap. He had not brought with him from Paris his Finance Minister Giscard d'Estaing, and therefore declared France unable to discuss financial and economic problems which the others were prepared to do.

After this and other meetings, each country assembled its experts for private discussions on tactics. We had Arthur Burns, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, the impressive George Schultz, Secretary of the Treasury, Simon, the Energy Czar, and half a dozen others at these emergency sessions.

As the proceedings developed, oratory finally gave place to compromises. HAK gave a working lunch for Foreign, Finance Ministers, and others which I attended. More speeches. Back to the auditorium this afternoon.

Tonight President Nixon gave a White House dinner for the conferees. I begged off; my flu returns at night with redoubled vigor. A third of State Department personnel is said to be similarly afflicted.

Tuesday, February 12, 1974

My birthday, aged 76. Another lunch given by the Secretary. The moment of truth came; the French were outvoted 8 to 1. The machinery suggested to survey the energy crisis (and to meet the producers in the hope of their negotiating to fix, subject to obvious adjustments for location, quality, quantity, etc., a more or less standard price), was approved.

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This was Alice Longworth's ninetieth birthday. HAK took me with him to her afternoon celebration. This remarkable lady was in sparkling form, her house thronged by admirers and friends of many nationalities, including President and Mrs. Nixon.

Myself home for a fevered night, but happy to have E. there.

Wednesday, February 13, 1974

The foreigners have taken wing except for a few who have remained for private reasons. Messrs. Solomon and Smyser from the National Security Council visited me at the Department this morning for talk about China.

Lane Timmons called on me, as had David Osborn, soon to be Ambassador to Burma, earlier.

Tonight, E. and I dined with Muffie and Henry Brandon. A satisfying evening. Amongst others, Sir John Bull Christopher Soames was there, a robust, gay fellow.

Thursday, February 14, 1974

Saw Hal Sonnenfeld and Art Hartman separately today. HAK had told the press that after I had finished consultations in Washington he would send me to Europe to assess the political situation on that Continent (presumably in connection with the rather bitter dialogue now going on between the Community people and our Administration). As a result of this announcement, I received numbers of cables, telegrams, letters and other communications offering advice or company. I had no chance for more than a casual conversation with the Secretary on this matter, but instinctively I thought it ill-advised for me to be involved in such an exploration with no real credentials or propositions to offer. I understand that certain of our Ambassadors, most notably Annenberg, have expressed disapproval of an interloper entering their domains. I do not blame them for this reaction.

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At any rate, I felt that Sonnenfeld and Hartman, though most helpful in plumbing the problem, disapproved, as I did, of the venture. I plaintively observed later: "I do not personally know, with a couple of exceptions, the present leaders of the Community nations, though I was on terms of friendship with the grandfathers of some of them."

This afternoon, I attended the swearing-in ceremony of Bob McCloskey.

E. and I dined tonight at Joe Alsop's. Stewart has miraculously had a respite from doom; he, Tish and Joe are going West tomorrow to bask in a better climate.

Friday, February 15, 1974

We had expected to go to Staunton Hill today to make final arrangements for the three children to take over the property. I was too felled by flu to quit my bed where I lay forlornly for two days and nights.

Sunday, February 17, 1974

I roused myself to lunch with my delightful granddaughter Vinny Currier. It was a joy to see her, but I soon relapsed into my sorry state of health. The John Coopers had arranged a dinner tonight for us to meet Vice President Ford. I could not make it; E. did; she declared it an amusing, congenial party.

Monday, February 18, 1974

Went to the Department this morning to talk to Art Hartman, in whom I have great confidence, about Europe. Then lunched with Joan. Afterwards, I had a recurrence of flu and bedded down. I feel sluggish, perhaps from too many antibiotics, also weak from lack of exercise.

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Tuesday, February 19, 1974

Senator Mike Mansfield had invited me to lunch at the Capitol, but I cancelled the engagement and stayed in bed, as I did this evening while E. went to dine with the Harrimans.

Wednesday, February 20, 1974

Flu.

Thursday, February 21, 1974

Flu.

Friday, February 22, 1974

Washington's Birthday. Holiday. Flu.

Saturday, February 23, 1974

It was impossible to postpone any longer our trip to Staunton Hill, so we set off this morning by air for Lynchburg. The next twenty-four hours were sad ones for me. As a child, I spent most of my summer holidays there, and later owned it for forty years—I doubt I shall ever visit it again.

Sunday, February 24, 1974

We flew back to Washington tonight. Dined with Lorraine and John Cooper; the Harrimans, Lily Guest, and others were there.

Monday, February 25-Saturday, March 2, 1974

At the State Department each day, engaged in conversations about energy, European relationship, China.

Sunday, March 3, 1974

Andrea Currier arrived to spend a day and night. We found her enchanting. We hope the three grandchildren will visit us this summer in Peking.

Liz and George Stevens had a bash tonight for Henry Fonda. Sam Spiegel came down from New York for it. E. said it was fun--I stayed at home,

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plagued by a recurrence of flu. I have never before been so scourged by this malady; a third of the people in State are said to be down with it.

Monday, March 4, 1974

HAK returned today from the Mid East. He had told me to remain in Washington while he was away. I dutifully did so, but advised him on the eighth that if he agreed I should like to wander back to China via Europe. He readily assented. We had a rather intimate talk about my future. He had decided the original European scouting assignment should be abandoned.

Saturday, March 9, 1974

E. and I took the Pan Am night plane from Dulles.

Sunday, March 10, 1974

Heathrow, London, this morning--thence to Albany. Lunched with Sam Spiegel at the Connaught.

Monday, March 11, 1974

Lunch with Mary Manners at Bucks. Went to see Fleur Meyer, recovering from severe heart attacks.

Tuesday, March 12, 1974

Lunched somewhere with someone. We dined with the Hartwells. They seemed depressed--no wonder. Michael said the newsprint bill of the Daily and Sunday Telegraph had already increased five million pounds this year. Since this publication is family owned and, unlike some others, has no outside revenues to support it, rumors are current alleging that its financial position is desperate.

Wednesday, March 13, 1974

Lunched at the Café Royal.

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Roy Jenkins dined with us at Albany. We talked politics, national and international. This superior man, Home Secretary in Harold Wilson's Cabinet, must be gravely concerned over the attitude of his Leader, and the majority of members of the Labour Party, toward the European Community. We had a splendid bottle of Mouton Rothschild 1953.

Thursday, March 14, 1974

I lunched at the Belgian Embassy with the Ambassador, my old friend Bob Rothschild. He came to England less than a year ago, after six or seven years as Ambassador to France. Since we were alone, we had a frank talk about the European-American relationship; I found it of great interest.

Bought 1,460 bottles of Red Bordeaux at Berry Brothers this afternoon, also a gilded copper 17th Century Chinese figure at Bluett.

Friday, March 15, 1974

Sasha dined with me at Buck's tonight. We went over items I had prepared for her dealing with aspects of the management she has undertaken at Staunton Hill.

Saturday, March 16, 1974

Lunched with Bob Rothschild and brilliant André de Staercke (Doyen of the NATO Diplomatic Corps) at the Belgian Embassy. We spent some hours discussing American-European problems.

E. and I went to see Virginia and Aidan Crawley. Her book on the money-spinning Rothschilds has just been published--I shall read it during my trip to China.

Sunday, March 17, 1974

E. left early this morning for Paris. I took Mary Manners and her handsome eleven year old son, Pey, to brunch at the Café Royal, before

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departing by Air France this afternoon for Paris. Was met at the airport by helpful, intelligent Mark Pratt of our Embassy. John Irwin is in New York; I fear to undergo a prostate operation.

Monday, March 18, 1974

Saw Jean Lambert this morning. Mary M. flew over from London, and we lunched at the Grand Véfour.

E., M., and I dined at the Sulzbergers. Cy had recently interviewed Pompidou. Contrary to the opinions I have heard elsewhere expressed, Cy thinks his health has so improved he will remain in office indefinitely. I wish he may prove right, but I fear the President is marked for death shortly.

Tuesday, March 19, 1974

I must have lunched, but do not recollect where. In the afternoon, I went to see Eddie Tomkins, the British Ambassador. We talked delicately about the probable foreign policies of his new Government. Afterwards we walked through to his residence, where Jill was entertaining friends, amongst them Rowlie Cromer.

Tonight the three of us dined sumptuously at Virginia Chambers. Her apartment in the Hotel Lambert must be one of the most beautiful in the world. This dear, amiable, generous friend has almost entirely lost her sight.

Wednesday, March 20, 1974

M. and I lunched with Don Cook and his wife at Taillevent, deservedly three-starred. It was pleasant to be remembered there--I had frequented it with Phil Habib. Afterwards, we went through all the display rooms of the Compagnie de la Chine et des Indes. It seemed to me their Chinese art objects

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surpassed in quality and variety anything I have thus far been allowed to see in Peking museums. Later we saw the riotous film that has so infuriated the PRC Government--"Les Chinois à Paris," the most satirical movie one could imagine.

Thursday, March 21, 1974

E. will stay behind for two weeks. M. left this morning for London. I lunched with Jean Monnet. We had a marvelous (at least for me) talk about Atlantic and European affairs. This Sage is eighty-five; one would never suspect it. He thinks I should revert to the Occidental scene.

Upon leaving him, I went across Avenue Foch to call on beautiful Gaby van Zuylen, who seems to me to deserve all the encomiums for charm so lavished upon her. Thence, I joined Mark Pratt at the Ritz to embark on the 1820 Air France plane for Peking.

Counting a stop at Karachi to refuel, our elapsed time to Peking was 15 1/2 hours, a great improvement over our journey ten months ago, via the Pacific, from Washington to Hong Kong. I read a part of Bob Rothschild's gift book La Chute de Chiang Kai-Shek, covering his observations during his diplomatic posting in China from 1944 to 1949. For style, content, and presentation I found it enthralling.

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Saturday, March 23, 1974

Back at the office this morning to review what has happened in the Mission during my absence. Nothing critical seems to have taken place.

Sunday, March 24, 1974

Lunched with the McKinleys, as their guests with others, at a restaurant. Previously we had Bloody Marys with them at the Peking Hotel. It was pleasant to renew companionship with old friends as well as to return to the Chinese cuisine. Went to the tailor to search for summer suitings; they will soon be needed.

Monday, March 25, 1974

I briefed our staff on my activities abroad.

Tuesday, March 26, 1974

Called on Sir John Addis. Lunched with Maureen Molinari.

Wednesday, March 27, 1974

Half day. Spent afternoon at Forbidden City.

Thursday, March 28, 1974

Sir William Hawthorne, Master of Churchill College, Cambridge, came to see me. We deplored the recent death at the age of 79 of Lew Douglas. He is the second U.S. Ambassador to Great Britian to die this month; my dear old friend Winthrop Aldrich, 88, predeceased him.

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The New Zealand Ambassador, Bryce Harland, called to query me on my impressions of the situation in Washington, with particular emphasis on the energy crisis, and our European relationships.

Friday, March 29, 1974

John Holdridge generously gave a stag luncheon in my honor, at which most of the NATO Ambassadors, also the Japanese were present. The Chinese food was superlative, the conversation excellent. We were there several hours.

Saturday, March 30, 1974

Called on the French Ambassador Manac'h. An informative conversation. He volunteered to send me, for my reading only, his notes on various meetings with high Chinese officials, including those on the Pompidou visit.

Sunday, March 31, 1974

Salutary sightseeing. Resumption of reading of Chinese history books of which I have an ample, almost overwhelming, supply.

Monday, April 1, 1974

April Fool's Day. Did nothing frivolous.

Tuesday, April 2, 1974

I gave a stag dinner tonight attended by my favorite official, Vice-Foreign Minister Ch'iao Kuan-hua, Lin P'ing and others. On our side were Jenkins, Holdridge, and Anderson. Ch'iao talked frankly and cordially -- we will

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report fully on this. Referring to allegations of a deterioration in the Chinese-U.S. relationship he observed: "If there were one we would not be here tonight." He is to leave later in the week for the UN General Assembly meeting at New York.

The Chinese, on about forty-eight hours notice, have asked for permission and assistance to make this week three private flights of their own planes to the United States, including one to carry their UN delegation to New York. This request has been granted, despite the innumerable technical difficulties involved. If we had made any such demand it would have been haggled over for weeks.

Wednesday, April 3, 1974

Since these diary jottings no longer contain substantive, reflective, or speculative comments, they may still serve to jog my memory on happenings on specific dates.

Lunched with the Al Jenkinses, and a group of younger people. Like the Holdridges and ourselves they are fortunate in having an excellent Chinese cook, and I think wise in preferring native to Western food.

Spent the afternoon strolling in the Purple Bamboo Park.

Thursday, April 4, 1974

President Pompidou of France died, earlier than expected, the day before yesterday, probably of marrow cancer,

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an inoperable, painful disease. I signed the memorial book this morning at the French Embassy, where the Ambassador, his wife, and staff were lined up in deepest mourning garb.

This is NATO's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

Called on the Spanish Ambassador Angel Sang-Briz this morning. I like him.

Went with the McKinleys for drinks with the Molinaris before proceeding to the International Club where the Swedish Embassy showed a non-sexy or violent (therefore allowable for use in club facilities) film.

Friday, April 5, 1974

Called on the Soviet Ambassador, V. S. Tolstikov, this morning. His residence looks like a railroad station and appears almost as large. Lots of marble, in fact a double staircase of it. His compound is huge, thirty or more acres in it. He has approximately four hundred personnel, all Russians, no Chinese employees, living there. On another occasion he will take me about the grounds; there are fish ponds in them. He was voluble and cordial -- I spent an hour-and-a-half with him.

Went to meet E. at airport tonight. Looked beautiful and untired.

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Saturday, April 6, 1974

Tonightwe were hosts for a movie at the International Club -- subject the Great White Shark. I thought it thrilling, somewhat gruesome. We had invited the Diplomatic Corps and many Chinese. As the theme was non-political twenty or thirty Chinese officials attended.

Sunday, April 7, 1974

Talking, walking, reading. Spring has arrived. Fruit trees are about to bloom or are already doing so. Summer clothes are almost in order, for the days are hot, though occasionally the thermometer has sinking spells.

Monday, April 8, 1974

Steve Fitzgerald, the Australian Ambassador, called. We always have a lot to talk about. E. and I took shots of Gamma Globulin this afternoon.

Tuesday, April 9, 1974

This morning the Ambassador of Nepal, K. P. Rand, called on me. His predecessor has been succeeded as Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps by the North Korean Ambassador. Rand was an army officer, commanding Ghurkas, before his appointment here. He does not like Indians.

The Belgian Ambassador, Jacques Groothaert called. His English is perfect; he has a distinct talent for improvising limericks.

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Wednesday, April 10, 1974

The Danish Ambassador, J.A.W. Paludan, called. Amiable, intelligent.

E. and I lunched with Ambassador of Greece Nicholas Katapodis and his wife. They live next door to us. We enjoyed ourselves -- there were about twenty guests, all diplomats, amongst them the Egyptian Charge d'Affaires who said to me: "Now we are allowed to talk to each other."

E. and I went this evening to a farewell reception given by the attractive Finns, Ambassador and Mrs. Helenius. They have been here seven years and are justly esteemed; they will now be posted in Denmark. Many Chinese, amongst them a Vice-Premier, were present.

Thursday, April 11, 1974

The Ambassador of Afghanistan, Mir Mohammad Youssof, called this morning. We conversed in French. He does not like Indians.

Ray Jones, whose departure we grieve over, lunched with us today. We wanted to give him a large farewell party but he demurred. He has been assigned to Berlin. In two years he will retire to live in Vienna.

Tonight, we showed at home, in our still uncompleted drawing room, the popular American movie "Cabaret." Because of limited space, we invited only members of NATO diplomatic missions and some of our own officers. It went well -- we served drinks afterwards.

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Friday, April 12, 1974

Paid a return call on the Ambassador of Pakistan, M. A. Alvie. He is well-informed, an important figure in his own country. He believes Pakistan can soon develop a viable economy. He does not like Indians. E. went tonight to Good Friday religious services.

Saturday, April 13, 1974

Usual office morning.

Sunday, April 14, 1974

Easter Sunday. E. and I went to the Protestant services conducted by Chinese ecclesiastics. There were about eighteen people in the congregation; five Americans, three or four Canadians, a half dozen Africans, four Chinese. Nancy and Brunson attended Roman Catholic services. They reported twenty Chinese in a total congregation of perhaps two hundred.

Monday, April 15, 1974

The Ambassador of Tunisia, Ridha Klibi, called. We talked French, concerning ourselves chiefly with praise of the Bardo Museum and of President Bourguiba.

For lunch today we had members of the United States architects delegation which was invited here by the Chinese Government. Our guests were its leader Mr. Urbahn, John Warnecke (son-in-law of George Kennan), Mr. and Mrs. Pei. The Peis, now American citizens, were born

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in China which they are now visiting after an absence of forty years. He has been spectacularly successful in the United States. He told me, to my surprise, that the addition he designed for the National Gallery in Washington will be more spacious than the original building, since it will have two underground floors.

Later in the afternoon we had the entire group of architects for cocktails; rarely have I met more congenial people. The delegation consisted of: (see attached list)

Tuesday, April 16, 1974

Called on the Ambassador of Yugoslavia, Milojko Drulovic. Favorably impressed by him.

This afternoon I called on the Ambassador of Romania, Nicolae Gavrilescu. He still lives in the old Legation Quarter but expects to remove from there the end of this year. He had an interpreter present. The Romanian language is so like French and Latin that I could understand many words. We chattered merrily away, smoking his native cigarettes, drinking his native brandy, imbibing his native Turkish style coffee.

Tonight, E. and I went to the British Embassy for a farewell dinner in honor of the Turkish Ambassador Nuri Eren and his wife. They are leaving next month for Ankara where he will undertake important duties in the Foreign Office.

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Guest List
Ambassador and Mrs. Bruce
Cocktails - Monday, April 15, 1974
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To Meet Visiting American Architects

Mr. Max O. Urbahn, FAIA
President, Max O. Urbahn Associates, Inc.
Chairman of the Mission

William L. Slayton
Executive Vice President
The American Institute of Architects
Deputy Chairman

Mr. Archibald C. Rogers, FAIA
President, The American Institute of Architects

Mr. William Marshall, FAIA
First Vice President, The American Institute of Architects

Mr. Daniel Schwartzman, FAIA
Vice President, Union Internationale des Architectes, 1969-1974

Mr. I. M. Pei, FAIA - and Mrs. Pei
Principal, I. M. Pei and Partners
Member, AIA's National Policy Task Force

Mr. George M. White, FAIA
Architect of the Capitol

Mr. Walter A. Meisen, AIA
Assistant Commissioner for Construction Management,
General Services Administration

Mr. James J. Foley, FAIA
President, National Architectural Accrediting Board

Mr. Samuel T. Hurst, IV, FAIA
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Mr. Robert P. Madison, FAIA
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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. John Holdridge
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Brunson McKinley

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Wednesday, April 17, 1974

Called this morning on the Ambassador of Iran, Abbas Aram. I always enjoy seeing this wise, sympathetic friend. He is leaving Friday for North Korea, to which he is accredited, as he also is to North Viet-Nam. In Hanoi recently, he was struck by the great progress they are making in reconstructing heavily bombed buildings.

The Rileys gave a buffet dinner tonight. E. attended. She said the skits were amusing, the whole evening fun. I stayed at home, finishing Bob Rothschild's stellar book La Chute de Chiang Kai Shek. I followed it by checking certain of its observations against John Davies' Dragon by the Tail, which I had read previously. They make one wonder how American policy toward China could have been so stubbornly misguided.

Thursday, April 18, 1974

Eikichi Hara, President of the Japanese Foreign Affairs Institute, a zealous interrogator, called on me this morning. A dogged analyst, I thought he would never end his questions.

Friday, April 19, 1974

I called on the Czechoslovakian Ambassador, Karel Kurka, this morning. We had a long, noncontroversial conversation, in the course of which quantities of excellent Pilsener beer were consumed. His English is fluent.

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Saturday, April 20, 1974

I am irritated over this UPI despatch from Hong Kong which has caused reperc sions here and at home. (See article attached.)

Although it is concocted out of whole cloth, it is almost impossible to correct its manifold inaccuracies. When I was in Washington I was on consultation, chiefly engaged in Energy Crisis and European Affairs matters. I saw no foreign Ambassadors there, nor did I in London or Paris, with the exception of my two old Belgian friends, Rothschild and de Staercke. Who the journalist's gossips and "diplomatic" informar s were eludes my imagination.

Anyhow, this pesky, malicious story will plague me; I have already received and answered an understanding telegram from HAK on the subject. The idea that anyone of my "advanced age", exercising the functions I do in Peking, could be "unhappy" beggars reply. The only complaint a restless activist in my position here could make would be to deplore his comparative inactivity in the field of substantive controversy, an arena which I do not long to enter, nor is there any reason to do so. I consider that our present relationship with the Chinese Government is, under existing circumstances, as satisfactory as is possible.

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1. TEXT OF UPI STORY GIVEN REFTEL NOT REPEAT NOT SAME STORY WHICH RAN ON UPI WIRE HERE AND WHICH WAS REPRINTED IN SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, HONGKONG STANDARD (FRONT PAGE) AND RIGHT-LEANING CHINESE PAPERS.

2. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF STORY AS RECEIVED HERE. QUOTE: HONG KONG, ARRIL 17 -- AMERICAN AMBASSADOR DAVID BRUCE IS FED UP WITH PEKING.

3. HE WANTS OUT -- AND SOON.

4. THAT'S THE WORD FROM DIPLOMATS AND OTHER WELL-PLACED SOURCES IN PEKING AND WASHINGTON WHO ARE CLOSE TO THE 76-YEAR-OLD CHIEF OF THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL.

5. HIS DESIRE TO LEAVE IS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO ANY DECLINE IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, ALTHOUGH THERE DEFINITELY HAS BEEN A 'COOLING' OF RELATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS.

6. BRUCE WANTS TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.

7. ONE IS HIS AGE. BECAUSE OF HIS ADVANCED AGE IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS STAY IN PEKING WOULD NOT BE LONG WHEN PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON CALLED HIM OUT OF RETIREMENT LAST YEAR TO TAKE THE POST.

8. PEKING IS 'NOT HIS KIND OF TOWN', ONE SOURCE QUOTED HIM AS SAYING. HE FEELS IT IS FAR TOO DULL AND RESTRICTIVE.

9. HIS WIFE LIKES PEKING EVEN LESS THAN HE.

10. MORE IMPORTANT THAN THESE PERSONAL REASONS IS THE MATTER OF PROFESSIONAL PRIDE, THESE SOURCES INDICATED.

11. BRUCE FEELS HIS PRESENCE IN PEKING IS NOT NECESSARY NOW, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE HAS NO ACCESS TO TOP CHINESE LEADERS.

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12. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HAS HANDLED ALL THE TOP LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RANKING CHINESE -- MAINLY COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-RUNG AND PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI. INDICATIONS ARE THAT KISSINGER WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

13. IN VIEW OF THIS, BRUCE IS SAID TO FEEL THAT HIS DEPUTIES -- JOHN HOLDERIDGE (SIC) AND ALFRED LE S. JENKINS -- COULD, AND SHOULD, HANDLE OTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS. THEY ARE CHINA SPECIALISTS AND HE IS NOT.

14. WHEN HE LEFT WASHINGTON EARLY LAST MAY TO TAKE UP HIS PEKING POST, BRUCE SAID HE WAS GOING "WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND HIGH HOPES."

15. HIS ENTHUSIASM HAS DIMMED AND HIS HOPES HAVE BEEN DASHED SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN PEKING LAST MAY 15.

16. NOT ONLY HAS HIS ACCESS TO TOP CHINESE OFFICIALS BEEN SEVERELY RESTRICTED BUT HE ALSO IS CUT OUT OF THE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC SOCIAL CIRCLE.

17. BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE A FULL-FLEDGED EMBASSY HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LIAISON OFFICE TO (SIC) NOT RECEIVE INVITATIONS TO ANY FORMAL DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS.

18. THIS DOES NOT PREVENT BRUCE FROM HAVING PLENTY OF CONTACT WITH OTHER DIPLOMATS. BUT IT CONTRIBUTES TO REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF CONTACT HE CAN HAVE WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS.

19. BRUCE RECENTLY RETURNED TO PEKING AFTER A FAIRLY LONG ABSENCE. WHILE IN WASHINGTON HE MADE IT KNOW THAT HE WANTS TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

20. WELL-PLACED SOURCES SAID STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS -- PRESUMABLY INCLUDING KISSINGER HIMSELF -- ASKED BRUCE TO STAY ON A WHILE LONGER, FOR DIPLOMACY'S SAKE. THIS APPARENTLY MEANS AT LEAST UNTIL HE OBSERVED HIS FIRST ANNIVERSARY AS HEAD OF THE LIAISON OFFICE.

21. FOR HIM TO LEAVE WHILE THERE IS INCREASING TALK OF 'COOLING OFF' OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WOULD ONLY ADD FUEL TO THESE FLAMES OF SPECULATION, HE WAS TOLD IN WASHINGTON, THE SOURCES SAID.

2. BRUCE AGREED TO STAY. BUT NOT FOR LONG. UNQUOTE.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT APRIL 17 UPI STORY FILED BY CHARLES SMITH FROM HONG KONG. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, WHEN QUERIED BY PRESS, HAVE BEEN SAYING WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THE SPECULATIVE STORY.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

U.S. AMBASSADOR DAVID BRUCE IS FRUSTRATED AND UNHAPPY IN PEKING AND WANTS TO LEAVE AS SOON AS HE CAN, RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THE SOURCES SAID BRUCE'S DESIRE TO LEAVE IS NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO ANY DECLINE IN SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH THERE DEFINITELY HAS BEEN A "COOLING" OF TIES IN RECENT MONTHS.

BRUCE WANTS TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, ACCORDING TO THE WELL-INFORMED SOURCES.

THE SOURCES SAID ONE REASON IS HIS AGE--HE IS 76. THEY SAID IT WAS UNDERSTOOD HIS STAY IN PEKING WOULD BE SHORT

WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON CALLED HIM OUT OF RETIREMENT LAST YEAR TO TAKE THE POST.

THE SOURCES SAID BRUCE IS ALSO FINDING THE CHINESE CAPITAL TOO DULL AND RESTRICTIVE. ONE DIPLOMAT QUOTED HIM AS SAYING PEKING IS "NOT HIS KIND OF TOWN."

MORE IMPORTANT THAN THESE PERSONAL REASONS IS THE MATTER OF PROFESSIONAL PRIDE, ACCORDING TO WELL-PLACED DIPLOMATS IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND PEKING.

BRUCE FEELS HIS PRESENCE IN PEKING IS UNNECESSARY NOW, PARTICULARLY SINCE HE HAS NO ACCESS TO TOP CHINESE LEADERS.

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IN ADDITION TO HIS LACK OF ACCESS TO TOP CHINESE LEADERS, BRUCE HAS ALSO BEEN CUT OUT OF THE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC SOCIAL CIRCLE SINCE ARRIVING IN PEKING LAST MAY.

BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE A FULL-FLEDGED EMBASSY, HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LIAISON OFFICE DO NOT RECEIVE INVITATIONS TO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS.
END TEXT. KISSINGER
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The report is inaccurate in every detail. It is well known in Peking that my wife and I are very happy here. I have been treated with great consideration by Chinese Government officials.

The inference that I might resent the direct transaction of important business between the two Governments by our Secretary of State is too ridiculous to deserve comment. His standing in China is unique for a foreigner. I have been thoroughly informed about, and closely associated with him in, all his major policy decisions and negotiations concerning the People's Republic of China. They represent, in my opinion, a remarkable example of enlightened diplomacy.

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John Burns, the Canadian journalist, exuding information, lunched with us.

In the late afternoon, Jonathan Sharp and Tim Pierce of Reuters consumed with us one of the tins of Caspian caviar sent by ever-generous Aram before he left for Korea.

This evening, curiosity led me, as a spectator, to witness the return of the PRC United Nations Delegation to the Peking airport. They were welcomed with as elaborate a celebration as had signalized their departure -- all the disposable big guns were there.

Sunday, April 21, 1974

Judy and David Bonavia of the London Times lunched with us. They are of undoubted first class value.

This afternoon we went to see Maureen Molinari's rubbings at the Argentine Embassy; they had been publicly exhibited during our absence in America. We covet certain of them for our Residence.

Peripatetic Prince Sihanouk has faded away on another trip. When he remarked, a propos of battle losses, that "you cannot make omelets without breaking eggs", a Cambodian officer is said to have replied: "But you can break eggs and not make an omelet."

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When we were in England last month a Tory friend, commenting on the Labour victory said: "Ted Heath made a great mistake over the miners' strike. Although a skilled yachtsman he had not mastered the difficult art of trimming his sails to catch political winds."

Monday, April 22, 1974

Called on the Burmese Ambassador U Thein Maung this morning. Drank black tea. He had a thundering heart attack last autumn so he seldom stirs from his residence. Having been devoted to track sports, he finds inactivity deplorable. He said the Sudanese Ambassador had the same experience. The only compensation for both of them has been the turning over to their wives of their social and protocol responsibilities. The wives represent them at airport hails and farewells, official banquets, annual day parties and other diplomatic servitudes. His country is rich in rubies and jade -- he informed me of the techniques of their discovery and extraction.

Called on the Moroccan Ambassador Kacem Zhiri this afternoon. Drank green tea. Talked French. He discoursed amusingly on the Libyan Qadhafi, whose political teeth he thinks have been drawn.

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Tuesday, April 23, 1974

Twenty-ninth wedding anniversary; happy years.

Called on Hungarian Ambassador, Godor Ferenc, this morning. Drank Tokay and coffee in which he did not join since he has diabetes. Our interpreter, a comely girl in her early twenties, was efficient; her English perfect. Most of our conversation revolved about agriculture, the Chinese social system, forestry, porcelain, Western music.

This afternoon the British Ambassador, John Addis, came to see me. He will retire this summer under the inexorable British rule applied to civil servants at the age of sixty. I shall miss his urbane, frank, friendly talk.

Tonight E. and I dined with the Belgian Ambassador and Madame Groothaert. The dinner was in honor of the Turkish Ambassador and Madame Eren. Amongst the guests were the Italian Ambassador and wife, the Yugoslavs, the David Bonavias, the Ulrich Grudinskis (of the Frankfurter Allgemeine), and the Spanish Ambassador.

We had a good time and stayed late. The Yugoslav mentioned in a firm but good-natured way the resentment of his people at the increasing presence of our Sixth Fleet near their shores in the Adriatic. I advised him to keep his cool -- we certainly had no hostile intent; our sailors there were only interested in shore leave! This seemed to mollify him.

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Wednesday, April 24, 1974

Called on the Polish Ambassador, Franciszek Stachowiak, this morning at his Residence. They have had their huge compound across the street from us for many years. In it is housing and offices for all their employees, a tennis court, swimming pool, ample garden. The central building, which I did not penetrate, is a spacious guest house. The iron gates made in Poland are the best in that category I have seen in Peking. The architect of the whole was Polish, and I found his designs unusually appe ng.

The Ambassador has served here in one capacity or another ten years. He is fluent in English, German, Russian; his wife, a dentist by profession, specialized in French while he was learning German.

I had met him on previous occasions, but until today had not known of the extent of his professional knowledge. I was especially interested in his views on Chinese agriculture. He thinks in this wheat growing area the farmers should largely shift from wheat to maize. Statistically he made an impressive case, as he did in pointing out how little edible flesh is added to hogs fed on grass as compared with the same amount of grass fed to calves.

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We had a long ding-dong interchange on the economy, social customs, political system in China. As to the last, he disbelieves in rumours about any rift between the Chairman and Chou En-lai, an opinion I share, but with which he said his Soviet colleague Tolstikov was not in accord.

We nibbled chocolate cakes and drank tea. I was pleased by his invitation for us to use his swimming pool this summer.

For several days we have been swept by high cold winds blowing enough dust to obscure sunlight. This is usually blamed on the Gobi Desert, but much of the dust emanates from the Peking district where the grassless soil does not hold it in place. Wise people wear gauze masks to mitigate this nuisance.

At five o'clock, E. and I were at the Soviet Embassy, invited to see a Russian film of Dostoevski's "The Brothers Karamazov." It was good entertainment. They have an attractive theatre, each place equipped with headphones. The translation into English was done over a loud speaker by one of the Embassy staff.

Before we entered the theatre we were received in a huge room to drink and eat cocktail delicacies. There were dozens of diplomats present.

Thursday, April 25, 1974

Dr. Ulrich Grudinski, of the Frankfurter Allgemeine, came to see me this morning. This intelligent journalist

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has had long experience in Chinese affairs; I passed an interesting hour or more with him.

We had expected to lunch at the Austrian Embassy today. Instead, I went there to sign the memorial book for the Austrian President who died yesterday. The Leitners and their Minister were in deepest mourning weeds.

This afternoon we had cocktails for the members of the American Meteorological Society who are visiting Peking. (See list attached.)

They were an impressive group -- it was delightful to hear their enthusiastic but realistic assessment of Chinese proficiency as well as limitations in this important field. They said they had been treated with unceasing courtesy and cordiality by their counterparts.

Friday, April 26, 1974

I called on the Egyptian Ambassador, Salah El-Abd, this morning at his great brownstone mansion. He was effusive in expressing pleasure over the renewal of formal diplomatic relations between our two countries. He believes Sadat and Kissinger have reacted trustfully to each other, and may in time be able to bring the Arab World and Israel to some form of peaceful coexistence. He is, of course, conscious of the immense obstacles to

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5:00 to 6:00 o'clock, at the Residence, Thursday, April 25, 1974
For the American Meteorological Society

HOSTS: Mr. and Mrs. David Bruce, Chief, U.S. Liaison Office 2

GUESTS:

Mr. David S. Johnson (President, American Meteorological Society); Director, National Environmental Satellite Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1

Professor and Mrs. Richard J. Reed (Past President, American Meteorological Society); University of Washington 2

Dr. and Mrs. William W. Kellogg (Past President, American Meteorological Society); Scripps Institution of Oceanography 2

Dr. and Mrs. David Atlas (President-elect, American Meteorological Society); National Center for Atmospheric Research 2

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Spengler, Executive Director, American Meteorological Society 2

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Holdridge, Deputy Chief, U.S. Liaison Office 2

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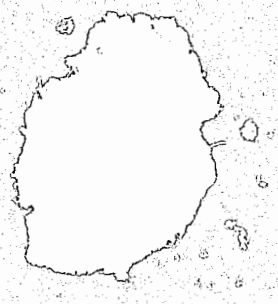

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achieving this, but says it is the first time in decades that such a possibility has even existed.

Some of King Farouk's marbled furniture and porcelain, monumentally garish, is featured in the entrance hall. I liked my host; I fear he suffers slightly from the taedium vitae so common here, for he spoke longingly of Cairene diversions.

I received a summons last night to visit Lin P'ing, Director of American and Oceanian Affairs, this afternoon. These occasions are often concerned with some fanciful transgression by our Mission against local susceptibilities. I was not, however, prepared for today's complaint. The PRC Government demanded the speedy withdrawal of our U.S. Marine Corps guards, and their non-replacement by men of any recognizable military unit.

His words, quoted from a written paper, were much like those used last summer when he had announced the same decision. Then we staved it off pending HAK's visit to Peking. On that occasion, it was agreed to let the Marines linger on.

This time, I fear we are stymied. I returned to the office, relayed the sad tidings to John Holdridge and Brunson, then sent a telegram to HAK who is to leave Sunday for the Middle East.

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Saturday, April 27, 1974

We all feel sad over the prospect of losing the Marines; they are as admirable and attractive body of young men as could be found anywhere, great favorites throughout the foreign community.

I feel I have exhausted every argument in favor of maintaining them here. This is another instance of zenophobia and sensitivity over the "Century of Humiliation". It is true that they are, as the Chinese never tire of repeating, "the only recognizable foreign military unit in China". They were crestfallen when forbidden to wear their uniforms, but to expect them not to refer to themselves as "U.S. Marines", and be widely known as such, has never been feasible.

I have as bad a head cold as I think one could develop, so I have stayed most of the day in bed, watching others confront the raging dust storms. At least, I have been enabled to read John Service's Lost Chance in China which he has just sent me. Like John Davies, he reported on events and personalities without fear or favor. Had their recommendations been adopted, the political situation in the Eastern world would have been substantially altered for the better. As it was,

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those two prescient, brilliant men were denounced, their professional careers ruined. The misjudgment by FDR, Cordell Hull, and many others of Chiang Kai Shek's character and capability was a major irreparable blunder.

Books pour onto us as gifts. Friends and authors wisely suspect that there are not many current works in English or French on sale in Peking, although I am told there is an abundance of them in Hong Kong. I had a present today from Julian Boyd, Editor of the Thomas Jefferson Papers at Princeton (of which I am the sinecure Chairman of the Advisory Board), sending me a symposium of texts, commented upon by [illegible]nized scholars, of famous early American documents such as Thomas Paine's Common Sense, the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence. Of the making of books there is, fortunately, no end.

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Sunday, April 28, 1974

Dust storms continue.

Clare Hollingworth lunched with us today. She has just returned from a long absence in the United States, Britain, and France -- we had seen her in the first two countries. We are so glad she is back here -- her vitality jazzes life up. I think she would like, if given the opportunity, to remain in China, except for a few forays outside, until the Chairman and Chou En-lai depart from the scene, so she can observe the Succession.

E. and I went this afternoon with Maureen Molinari to the Argentine Embassy to see her rubbings; we want to acquire some of them for our Residence.

Monday, April 29, 1974

Called on the Peruvian Ambassador, Eduardo Valdez, this morning.

Called this afternoon on the Ethiopian Ambassador, Makonnen Kebret. He said his Emperor could have easily suppressed the present disturbances but refused to do so because of his distaste for shedding blood. Almost 90 per cent of Ethiopians are peasants, uninterested in attempts to overthrow the Government.

David Bonavia came to see me. He has been requested by Louis Heren to write a story for the London Times on the present state of Sino-American relationships. We had a lengthy off-the-record talk.

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We dined tonight with Jean and John Small, who had many people of many nationalities to meet his colleague Ambassador and Mrs. Ford. Ford is Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps in Moscow where he has served altogether fifteen years. His wife, a Brazilian, is dynamic. The Soviet Ambassador, with an interpreter, was present, ditto for the Mongolian. Lebanese, Belgian, Indian, and representatives of other nationalities abounded, conversing until just short of midnight.

Tuesday, April 30, 1974

Called on the Sudanese Ambassador, Abdelwahab Zainulabidin. He is confined to his house, following an almost fatal heart attack last autumn. A physician by profession, his views on medicine, flora and fauna, racial conditions in his country, interested me.

This afternoon I detailed to Sergeant Osborne the sad news about our Marine Corps unit. He took it well. I have sent off a long telegram to the Department about what should now be set in train to assure a continuance of internal security in the Chancery.

The Patrick Reillys (former British Ambassador in Paris) and the Robin Brooks came for alcoholic tea with us. Reilly and Brook represent during their visit here the China-UK Trade Council. It was such a pleasure to them again. During the war, Robin had been one of the

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most important men in SOE (Special Operations Executive); I was closely associated with him at that period.

Tonight we dined with Colonel and Mrs. J.F. Weston-Simons. Enjoyable mixture of Americans, Italians, British, Belgians, French.

After talking to Sergeant Osborne this afternoon I called on the Ambassador of Sri Lanka, R.L.A.I. Karannagoda. His country is well known to be in unsatisfactory political and economic condition, but like a true host he told me nothing but optimistic things about his Fatherland.

His Residence is another of the original, commodious brown stone minor palaces allotted to nations who were brisk in recognizing the PRC. Naturally we drank delicious Ceylon tea, the name of which has not been changed. He said his countrymen grew and drank coffee until a few hundred years ago when tea, introduced from China, became the national beverage and their chief source of revenue.

Wednesday, May 1, 1974

International Labor Day. One of the chief public holidays here. All offices of all nations closed. Sunny weather, no dust.

Nancy and Brunson took us to the Sun Yat Sen Park to see the festivities there. A combination of gaiety

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and decorum prevailed. There must have been more than a million people, mulling about, gazing at sideshows, or strolling haphazardly. No signs whatever of disorder, no litter, not even cigarette butts on the ground. The only money I noticed being expended was for popsicles. Except for the exotic surroundings and displays, there was something of the atmosphere of an American county fair, though the scale of this performance was too mammoth to make that a really apt analogy, nor, unfortunately, would our compatriots have conducted themselves so neatly and quietly.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ketcham, attractive friends of John McCone, came to drink with us at the shank of the evening. They had been at the Summer Palace, amazed by the variety and imagination of entertainments, impressed by the good humour and conduct of the crowds. Ketcham, an American in the lumber-paper business, living in Canada, is visiting China as one of a sports delegation. We had a talk about forestry here; he is anxious to return another time to investigate the enormous programs the PRC has undertaken.

VOA broadcast this morning President Nixon's televised talk yesterday in connection with handing over tapes, etc. /Because of static it was not clear what was the thread of his discourse.

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One is so cut off in Peking from authentic foreign news that events of this sort are seen as through a glass darkly or not at all. My own guess is that his conduct of the Watergate case, and the divulgation of his income tax affairs have irreparably shattered his prestige at home and abroad regardless of eventual decisions reached in judicial or impeachment proceedings.

Thursday, May 2, 1974

Nuri Eren, Turkish Ambassador, and his wife kindly came to the house this morning to say good-bye to us. I shall miss this intelligent, cordial diplomat. Broke out a bottle of champagne for them but, sated by farewell entertainment, they preferred coffee.

E. and I lunched with the Austrian Leitners.

Called on the Ambassador of Sierra Leone, R.E.K. Taylor-Smith, this afternoon. A chemist by profession, he longs to return to that calling after more than three years service here. He says Chinese chemists have been friendly to him but he has not been able to do any laboratory work with them. His fluent English embraces many Americanisms as a result of his stays in the United States. Glorious white teeth flashing from an ebony face.

For drinks tonight we had the Weston-Simons, their

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guests from Ireland -- Mr. and Mrs. Stewart -- the Molinaris, the Gemmills. The Stewarts live precariously in Ulster; she believes there is now a strong Communist movement under way there as there is in Eire. Gemmill, recommended as a friend of President Nixon, is a Philadelphia lawyer with offices in many European capitals; a keen observer with a pretty wife. He had worked with our mutual friend Chapman Rosen in the Treasury when George Humphrey was Secretary.

I am still ploughing through Edgar Snow's Red Star Over China, a remarkable report on Chairman Mao and his times. It should be "must" reading for anyone stationed here, or in fact for anyone interested in Chinese history, adventure, the social sciences, propaganda, guerrilla warfare, and other categories of human experience or curiosity. It is a story of unrest, of perils overcome, of high and low endeavors, of the near impossibility of leading a tranquil life in the Twentieth Century.

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Friday, May 3, 1974

Called on the Ambassador of Lebanon, Eli J. Boustany, this morning. This vivacious, supple diplomat is good company. He has seen and comprehended much. He staggered me with stories of how he had acquired the Chinese furniture and objects that completely decorate his apartment, jade amulets, an ornate opium smoking bed, mandarin chairs carved with dragon and phoenix designs. He is a ready talker on political topics but in spite of his clarity of speech left me confused over his proposed solution of the Jerusalem problem.

Maureen delivered a number of rubbings, mostly of Guatemalan subjects, which E. and I would like to acquire.

We attended the farewell reception given by the Turkish Ambassador and Madame Eren at the International Club. The Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, the Ambassador of North Korea, used the podium for an eulogy. Eren responded in apt, almost poetic phrases. In a year-and-a-half he has made many imprints here. He is a felicitous conversationalist, gregarious, well-informed.

Many interchanges with friendly Ambassadors.

Saturday, May 4, 1974

Office. Telegram from State about the Marine Guard situation. To replace these excellent young men with American civilians is no simple task.

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Tonight we dined with the New Zealand Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce Harland. Their guests of honor were Rt. Hon. J.R. and Mrs. Marshall. I was much taken with Marshall, Leader of the Opposition. Bryce had sent me the long briefing paper he had prepared for his compatriot's visit. At Marshall's invitation I expanded upon it at, I fear, inordinate length plucking him away from the others after dinner. He suffered me in seeming patience -- this is probably why I liked him.

Sunday, May 5, 1974

Beautiful spring day, no dust. Unfortunately, I spent most of it at the office; my primary task being to prepare a reply about the Marines that I shall send off tomorrow.

This evening we had for drinks, at the Residence, the members of the American acupuncture, anaesthesia delegation.

HAK has been for a week skittering about in the Middle East, trying to disengage the Syrians from the Israelis on the Golan Heights.

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Monday, May 6, 1974

This evening we had a cocktail party at home for the Canadian Ambassador Small and his wife, the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. Ford, Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps in Moscow, and his attractive Brazilian wife, the Austrian Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. Haymerle and his wife, the Austrian Ambassador and Mrs. Leitner, as well as the members of the Serenissima Tour sponsored by John Julius Norwich. Amongst this group of English people were Lady Dufferin, Lady Lindlay, Lady Lisburne, Mr. and Mrs. Beresby Sitwell (he is the son of Sacheverell), Barry Sainsbury -- one of the most knowledgeable antique dealers in London -- and ten or more others, an agreeable group. In all, there were 34 people. John Julius had not accompanied them; he was saving Venice, another of his occupations.

Tuesday, May 7, 1974

E. Maureen Molinari, the McKinleys and I left on a Chinese Boeing 707 for Shanghai today. After an hour-and-a-half flight we arrived in the largest PRC city which was soggy with rain.

Visited the small house in the old French Concession where Mao Tse-tung and his fellow conspirators met on July 1, 1921 to plan Revolution. They feared their

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rendezvous had been remarked by the local secret police. Accordingly, they hastily disbanded, separately finding safe refuge in the city or its environs. The next day they reassembled many kilometers distant on a boat located upon an inland lake.

The original meeting place is now an historical monument, simply furnished, where guests are entertained with tea and tobacco, while the history of the episode is expounded by a competent official.

We found this tale fascinating. From this dangerous beginning, more than half a century ago, Mao's life was almost constantly in jeopardy.

We stayed at the Peace Hotel. In Victor Sassoon's wild period the then Cathay Hotel was considered perhaps the most luxurious hostelry in the Far East. Now it is somewhat bedraggled, with crowds of servants, an overabundance of dirt and dust. It is singular that in a country where the streets are kept cleaner than any I have seen in Europe and America, the sweeping of interiors, especially bathrooms, is often neglected. The linen in hotels seems invariably newly washed and laundered, the floors, curtains, upholstery dirty by contrast. Often the toilets stink.

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Wednesday, May 8, 1974

Still raining. We went shopping, then to the Museum, installed in a former foreign bank. The collections of bronzes and artifacts are extensive and remarkable, including many recently unearthed after more than two thousand years of burial. I have travelled little in China, but this was the finest lot of antiquities I have viewed. By comparison, the porcelains were mediocre.

We left this afternoon for Soochow by train, traversing rich country, well watered, with many, small whitewashed houses, tidy hay ricks, blundering water buffalo, few birds except magpies visible. The sun came out making the atmosphere translucent. On this occasion we had asked for freedom from protocol or entertainment. Instead, therefore, of being in a guest house subject to a banquet in the evening, we were taken to a local hotel, which left us under the guidance of the China Travel Service fairly free to follow our fancies. The trees on most streets overarch, creating patterns of dappled sunlight on the pavements, remindful of the appearance of some provincial cities in Southern France. We had enough time to inspect one beautiful garden (the Fisherman's Net).

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Thursday, May 9, 1974

We had a joyful day, sightseeing, strolling, driving out the great canal road, moderate shopping -- mostly for wicker baskets -- a trip to Tiger Hill and Temple of a Thousand Buddhas, general pleasure. There are many small industries here, but unobtrusive. More garden tours. A bountiful dinner in a city justly proud of its cuisine, so to bed.

Friday, May 10, 1974

A five hour train trip to Hangchow, were we stayed in a vast hotel that had replaced a Buddhist Temple, without however destroying the magnificent secular camphor and gingko trees between it and the lake.

Saturday, May 11, 1974

Wonderful weather. We started the day with a tour of the Western Lake on an electricity propelled boat, an excellent conveyance. Lost as I was with love for Soochow, I was even more seduced by Hangchow. The modern development of extensive parks, arboretums, flower gardens, on a scale sufficient to satisfy hundreds of thousands of people, was evidence of what taste, when combined with unlimited manpower, can produce. Eight million trees are said to have been planted here last year. There were many delightful prospects and pleasances, to say nothing of delicious food of almost every variety,

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including lake fish. Marco Polo, in the Thirteenth Century, declared Hangchow to be the most beautiful city in the world, no mean concession by a Venetian. Its population then was, as it now is, about eight hundred thousand. It is rumored that Chairman Mao spends several months here each year in an unpretentious villa near the mountains.

Sunday, May 12, 1974

Went this morning to a tea plantation in the hills. Although ~~it~~ is Sunday, the bushes were being partially denuded of leaves by hundreds of nimble-fingered female workers. Nearby in sheds they (the leaves) were subjected to processing by men. Some of these tea plants are grown up to the crests of the enveloping mountains. The leader of the commune gave us to drink -- tea, of course -- while he explained exhaustively but interestingly, the methods of cultivation, sorting, packaging, etc. of the various classifications. This commune is in a lovely, picturesque area. On the way back to the city we looked at the best Buddhist Temple I have ever seen, gazed at amazingly good sculptured rock carvings, had a look at a pool of "black" carp, sinister creatures weighing up to fifty pounds.

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After a hearty lunch, we stopped at a basket-weaving factory for the ladies to make purchases, before embarking on a huge Ilyushin plane for a ninety-minute ride to Peking.

Sorry to conclude such an inspiring trip, glad to be home.

Monday, May 13, 1974

Cleaned up accumulations at office. Read of portentous happenings in the outside world, a coup d'etat in Portugal, governmental instability almost everywhere, further troubles for President Nixon, HAK still riding the Middle East airwaves.

Tuesday, May 14, 1974

We lunched with the companionable Danish Ambassador Paludan and his attractive English wife, in their Chinese house (1930) near the old Legation quarter. Beside being a knowledgeable ornithologist, he is a gourmet. We had bird's nest soup, shark fins, abalone, shrimps, well partnered by Moselle wine.

This evening, E. and I were guests of honor at the German Embassy. Rolf Pauls had generously offered that in celebration of this date representing the beginning of the second year of our arrival in Peking. There were many diplomats there -- I sat between Jean Small (Canadian) and Madame Natural (Swiss). This is the first time I have worn a black tie and dinner coat in China.

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Wednesday, May 15, 1974

We lunched with Clare Hollingworth at the Hsin Chiao Hotel. She is incredibly stimulating to be with, a crack journalistic intelligence agent, a reliable friend.

This evening, Louis Camu, Chairman of the Banque de Bruxelles, came to drink with me. He is in Peking on the invitation of the Governor of the Bank of China. A genial, intelligent man, a convinced partisan of European unity, he believes the Western World will emerge safely from its quicksands.

Thursday, May 16, 1974

At last the living room in the Residence, although still partially unfurnished, can be used for the reception of visitors. When I call on Ambassadors here they usually receive me at their houses, not at their offices. I adopted this practice today for meeting Soviet Ambassador Tolstikov and his interpreter.

Piles of cakes with a battery of liquor bottles awaited them, but they preferred coffee. Tolstikov and myself agreed we seldom drank alcohol at eleven in the morning, but to show cordiality on this occasion we would permit ourselves moderate draughts of French cognac.

The Ambassador was critical of Chinese economic planning. He thinks they are not industrializing

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sufficiently to satisfy the minimum needs of an ever increasing population. He avoided any criticism of Chairman Mao and of Chou En-lai, asking me if I had any information on the political standing or the health of the latter. I answered that I attached no credit to rumors of a rift between the two leaders, and supposed Chou was suffering as stated from fatigue and old age. Tolstikov thinks in the event of their deaths, the Mao policies will continue dominant for a considerable period, although much will depend on the loyalty of the Army to the Government. He believes the withdrawal of Army cadres with their replacement in many key positions by civilian party personnel presents many difficulties for Chou, who finally sorted out these matters. He has not, however, yet succeeded in selecting a Defense Minister, Chief of Staff, or filling a number of other key military and civilian positions. When this is done, the long delayed People's Congress will take place.

Tolstikov made no reference to the "spy helicopter" affair. He said a new Sino-Soviet trade agreement had been signed yesterday; it should result in about two hundred million roubles of transactions.

I told him E. and I were sorry we could not attend the showing of the second part of "The Brothers Karamasov"

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at his Embassy tonight; he suggested he would run it again for our benefit.

Tonight E. and I dined at the Moroccan Embassy, a large gathering in a large house, giving upon an ample garden. There were diplomats galore -- the Romanian, Egyptian, French, Bulgarian, Nigerian, Austrian, Swiss, and other Ambassadors, Charges d'Affaires, large and small fry, with or without wives. As usual in Embassies here only European food, with the exception of excellent couscous and a sweet Moroccan dessert invented by the hostess, was served. A really gay party. The host gave a brief toast in champagne. Manac'h, the ranking guest, responded eloquently.

I had a lengthy conversation alone with Manac'h on his favorite topic of Cambodia. I told him it was idle of Sihanouk, the Khmer Rouge, or any others to expect the U.S. to negotiate on the untenable theory that we were in reality the Government in Phnom Penh. Our position was the same as that of the PRC -- the problem must be solved by the Cambodians themselves. Much subsequent discussion on this point -- it is evident that he is in frequent contact with Cambodians of several factions.

The Egyptian Ambassador expressed optimism over HAK's efforts to bring about a cease fire between the Israelis and Syrians. He said Henry and Sadat were

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captivated by each other's personality. Both he and I were then unaware of the barbarous massacre, even then or shortly to be perpetrated by three Arab terrorists on Israeli school children.

I had a conversation after the other guests had left with the Moroccan Ambassador. I told him I sincerely believed that Kissinger was the last, best, and only hope of bringing about peace in that troubled area. He assented.

Friday, May 17, 1974

Al Jenkins and I called on Lin P'ing this morning to inform him of our proposal to phase out the Marine Security Guards. They will be replaced by mid-June with civilians from Washington. We have had much cable traffic on this subject with Washington. I repeated to him fears I had expressed before of the certain public relations dangers when this operation becomes known, and how we proposed to deal with it.

He said he would refer our conversation to "higher authorities."

We had a cocktail-reception tonight at home for 54 people. It had originally been intended to welcome the United States Governors delegation, headed by Governor Evans of Washington, consisting of Governors Rampton (Utah),

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Moore (West Virginia), Ray (Iowa), Mandel (Maryland), Noel (Rhode Island), and a train of staffmen, attendants, escorts, interpreters, including eleven Chinese who are their associates during this trip.

The Governors and their wives were an exceptionally agreeable group. To them were added officers from the Department of Agriculture in Washington as well as representatives of the grain trading firms Cargill and Dreyfus, all of whom are in Peking for discussions on the rather terrifying menace of smut in American wheat shipments.

In addition we had invited, amongst other USLOites, all those who were constituents of the Governors.

Tonight, we were guests of honor of the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Natural who are still living in their Chinese type house near the Danish Embassy not far from the old Legation Quarter. The Swiss are an admirable couple, and the occasion was most enjoyable. John Addis, one of his sisters, the Bryce Harlands, the Italians, the Ambassador of Sierra Leone and his wife and about ten others were festively present.

Saturday, May 18, 1974

The Israelis are proceeding against the Palestinian camps in Lebanon on an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth basis. This bodes ill for Henry's negotiations. He was due to return to Washington on Sunday, in time to meet Japanese O'Hira next week.

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Sunday, May 19, 1974

A day, like many others, without incident, but not immune to the ordinary requirements of a bureaucracy. I spent the morning at the office, where some of my diligent associates paid fleeting visits. I find it on the Sabbath a convenient place to write, to attend to personal correspondence in long hand. The older one gets the more letters one receives; this appears paradoxical in view of the obituaries I read, which seldom fail to include the death of a friendly contemporary. I should not complain, however, for lately I was sent the nineteenth volume of Thomas Jefferson papers by its estimable editor Julian Boyd. This labour of scholarship was expected to have terminated by now; thanks to the discovery of new material it will not be finished until sixty volumes have been published.

I am not a subscriber to the series of Adams' diaries which is probably just as well, for those devoted writers will probably not have their embalmed offerings published until my grandchildren are adults. Similarly, dear Lefty Lewis embarked lightly upon his voyage into Walpoliana; the final results will inspire public enjoyment long after his decease.

I pegged away at correspondence, thanking my lucky stars I had, unlike Jefferson, no disability of wrist to

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prevent answering what were almost entirely kindly inquiries or observations.

Tonight, we dined at a restaurant, guests of the United States Governors' delegation. Chinese and Americans were equally matched in numbers. The leader of our delegation, Governor Evans of Washington, offered a restrained toast, much appreciated by the Chinese who were more accustomed to the overflorid outpourings of many of our compatricts, whose language of love is viewed with polite scepticism. I am delighted over this tour by the Governors, their wives, and attendants, who have conducted themselves with impressive dignity and cordiality. The food, incidentally, was excellent, especially the shark fins.

Monday, May 20, 1974

The Romanian Ambassador Gavrilescu called on me this morning. I received him in the downstairs sitting room of our residence, at last sufficiently furbished with chairs, sofas, ashtrays, tables, to make such meetings more intimate than if they had taken place in our office. The cook had provided cakes and sweetmeats of several varieties, coffee and tea, to which I added, since in the foreign Embassies here a tray of liquors is usually presented, though seldom are its wares consumed, a bottle of allegedly superlative French Cognac. Even at eleven o'clock in the morning this is sometimes welcomed.

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The Romanian is an affable, chatty, probably cunning man. It is especially tricky to talk to representatives from Iron Curtain countries, for after initial sparring, they often throw what might be a deadly punch; also one never knows what distortions they may report to their Governments of the true course of such colloquies. This, of course, is not a habit confined to Communist countries. Especially in a post like this, where there are few substantial contacts with the national Government, foreign diplomats seek every opportunity to advise their home offices of how effectively they have presented its foreign policy views, or how skilfully they have extracted from another diplomat a frank, preferably indiscreet, statement of his Government's intentions. If only one had tape recordings of such conversations, then could compare them with the reports by Ambassadors to their foreign offices, one would make piquant discoveries about human vanity.

The Romanian language is so founded on Mediterranean linquistic sources, that interpretation of it is easy in comparison with that of any other Balkan tongue.

The Ambassador was discursive, well informed. As I expected, he asked 1. Did I think Chou En-lai was losing influence; 2. When will the U.S. proceed to full diplomatic recognition of the PRC; 3. When will the U.S. settle the

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Cambodian problem? I believe I eventually diverted him, without causing offense, from these controversial topics by questioning him on the petroleum output in his country, its agricultural capabilities, the charm of its women, the reputation of Bucharest as being the Paris of Central Europe, the antiquity of its civilization, its balance of payments situation, its splendid duck and goose shooting in the marshlands of the Danube, my paltry adventures there in 1919, the future development of its international airlines, its threatened caviar production, and other subjects evocative of national pride.

Tuesday, May 21, 1974

The Sierra Leone Ambassador, R.E.K. Taylor-Smith, visited me this morning. There was no reference to international politics, but we had good guffaws together. This uninhibited chemist counts the days to when he can return to his alembics, experiments, and other delights of his real profession.

The Serge Romenskys (Agence France Presse), Christian Tual (French Embassy), Virginia Schafer lunched with us. In view of Giscard d'Estaing's narrow margin of victory on Sunday over Mitterand, we speculated freely over the future foreign policy of France. The conversation was enlivening -- what an enviable gift the French have for talking and writing, for conjecture, for presenting novel views.

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This afternoon the Peruvian Ambassador, Eduardo Valdez, called on me. The climate of Peking does not suit his wife. Neither did that of Nicaragua where he was posted for two years, only one of which she could support. I gathered she is not in good health, and he has a nostalgia for his own country.

Wednesday, May 22, 1974

The Hungarian Ambassador, Godor Ferenc, called on me this morning. Instead of the attractive girl interpreter I met when I visited him, he was accompanied by an equally competent young male translator. I am told that a Hungarian thoroughly versed in his own difficult language finds learning English pie in the sky. Although the Ambassador is obese, has diabetes, is a chain smoker, subject to heart attacks, I thought him mentally alert. Our talk was much along the same lines as that I had a couple of days ago with the Romanian.- Ferenc believes Chou En-lai is secure in his position as chief confidant of Chairman Mao. His present retirement from ceremonial duties has diminished the slight gayety of former Chinese diplomatic banquets to honor foreign guests to a vanishing point.

The announcement of an Indian nuclear test explosion has unloosed from many capitals condemnatory comments. The Pakistani are especially aggrieved and fearful.

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Nancy McKinley lunched with us.

This afternoon E., Maureen and I went to the tailor. This has become a favorite haunt for me. There are bevies of smiling seamstresses, a profusion of affable cutters and fitters, adept in construction and alteration of garments. A man's suit costs about 75 American dollars. The sole drawback is the paucity of materials, nor are they always of good quality. For imported stuffs one must resort to Hong Kong.

I occupied myself tonight in drafting a report to Bob Ingersoll on my observations after a year and a week in the PRC.

Thursday, May 23, 1974

We had a lunch at home today for Sir John Addis, his sister Mrs. Booth, Martha and Al Jenkins, Bob Blackburn, Clare Hollingworth. John is leaving about June 15, because of the rule in the British Foreign Service of compulsory retirement at the age of sixty. He will be missed here, for his benign calmness, attractive personality, knowledge of Chinese culture and arts are widely recognized.

His assessment of Chou En-lai's political standing is in accord with mine. He thinks it inconceivable that Mao would allow Chou to be discarded.

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Friday, May 24, 1974

I revised and sent off a telegram embodying my views on the present state of the Sino-American relationship (see attached).

This evening we gave a farewell reception in honor of Martha and Al Jenkins. We asked about 250 guests most of whom appeared. It was a hot fine evening so the terrace was useable. Drink and conversation flowed freely, there was an abundance of diplomats and Chinese officials, but few journalists for they were at the airport for the arrival of Ted Heath. The former British Prime Minister was welcomed with ceremony usually accorded only to Chiefs of State; I surmise it may principally be due to his interest in European Unity on which the Chinese are sure to quiz him. He had sent word in advance of his wish to see me during his stay. I am eager to talk with him.

The story of our Marine Guard withdrawal became public today. We will soon know what will be the repercussions. Our own staff has been drilled on how appropriately to answer inevitable questions on the subject.

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of New Guinea, he was gravely wounded there by native spear thrusts. He was again severely wounded during the defense of the Legations in the Boxer Rebellion. His influence in China was immense, his authority as the leading foreign expert on conditions there almost unquestioned in Britain. The First World War activities, as well as nonactivities, of the Japanese destroyed any previous illusions he may have entertained about them; he became implacably suspicious of their designs to control China, also of their policies in respect to his beloved Australia. He was largely responsible for the Chinese decision, reached too belatedly, to join the Allies at almost the end of the First World War.

Although his salary from the Times was always modest, he saved enough from it, and from his later engagement with the Chinese Government, to collect what was then thought to be the finest library in the Far East. He later sold the bulk of it in Japan for thirty-five thousand pounds sterling, a transaction assuring him economic independence.

Together with Morrison reading I have been wending my way through Edgar Snow's Red Star Over China, a stupendous achievement. I had read most of it previously but find it perpetually rewarding.

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Saturday, May 25, 1974

After a morning at the office, I walked this afternoon with Maureen in the beautiful Park of the Heavenly Bridge not far from the Temple of Heaven. It has been incessantly hot for days in Peking, so lakes in such parks as this are thronged by natives in boats or swimming.

Afterwards, visited the French Industrial Exposition, attractively mounted with glittering displays of light machinery, photographs, airplane models, radar and space equipment which crowds of Chinese scrutinize with fascinated attention.

Ted Heath has had a triumph unprecedented ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ for a Western opposition leader. At the airport he descended into a crowd of high-ranking Chinese officials, dancing girls, and the other trappings reserved for Chiefs of State, was motored under banners of welcome to luxurious Guest House No. 3. Today he called on Chairman Mao, conversed with the brassiest of the brass, went from conference to conference, before being Guest of Honor tonight at a banquet in the Great Hall of the People.

Our diplomatic colony and the journalists are agog with excitement over this unexpected demonstration of super cordiality. I am inclined to ascribe some of its motivation to a desire to show the world how heartily the Chinese support Heath's strong advocacy of European unity.

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Sunday, May 26, 1974

All is quiet at the office. BBC reports the expected homecoming to Washington of HAK today with at least a good slice of bacon. His Mid-East maneuvers seem to have been almost miraculous, though there is a long, hard road ahead. It is an odd spectacle to view the most popular man in our country reporting to his Chief, the most unpopular.

E. with her marvelous eye for color, arrangement of furniture and objects, skilful use of flowers and plants has created, I think, a charming effect in our downstairs salon, most of whose fittings have at long last arrived. We expect a table and chairs for the adjoining dining room in mid-July. Portions of the plaster in the hall have cracked so it will have to be covered with wallpaper.

Spent an hour at the tailors' this afternoon. Their place of business is so thronged by foreigners as to delay the finishing of orders. It is a pity the proprietors -- if they can be called such -- do not profit by their labors; I assume these amiable, efficient men and women merely draw low salaries.

Monday, May 27, 1974

This is an American holiday -- Memorial Day. Our office is closed; when I went there I found no telegrams or reports in circulation.

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The outside temperature is over 80° Fahrenheit. For more than ten weeks there has been no rain in Peking. The streets, parks and places of public resort are well hosed, the trees, shrubs, and flowers sleek with greenery, so except for swirling dust one has no feeling a drought exists.

E. and I went at one o'clock this afternoon to call, at his invitation, on Ted Heath at the British Embassy. He was ruddy, unruffled, delighted over the unusual warmth and scope of his reception in Peking. Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping who presided over the banquet given him last night pulled out all the stops to play tunes of Sino-U.K. friendship. He added rather bitter attacks against the two superpowers.

In the late afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. John Field of the British Embassy, Tokyo, came to see me. She is the daughter of my esteemed friend Colgate Darden, of Norfolk, Virginia. Colgate, a Rhodes scholar, practised law in Norfolk, became Governor of Virginia and President of the University of Virginia, before retiring to private life. I think he really detested politics. I saw him once take an action that probably was unique in Virginian history. I was a delegate to a convention in Richmond summoned to replace the late Senator Glass in the United States Senate.

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(In those days a Democratic party nomination assured the recipient of election.) One delegate started the proceedings by nominating Darden; there was an immediate, unanimous acclamation. Colgate went to the podium and used almost the same words as had William T. Sherman about a Presidential nomination. There was a great uproar that could not be quieted. During it Darden retired, then returned with a lawyer who declared his client was unwilling to accept the nomination, and was under no legal obligation to do so. The result was a compromise in favor of Willis Robertson.

Darden, a modest man, told me later that as a Congressman he had formed a dislike for life in Washington, and that he abominated active participation in politics. Probably the most popular public figure in Virginia, except Harry Byrd, he never afterwards hankered for office.

Tonight, we dined as guests of the Jenkins at the Kang Le Restaurant -- we are going to miss them intensely.

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Tuesday, May 28, 1974

Iranian Ambassador, Abbas Aram, called on me today. He recounted his impressions gained during recent trips to North Viet-Nam and North Korea, to both of which countries he is accredited. He found the Vietnamese busily engaged in reconstructing war damage, anxious to show him examples of brutal American air aggression. He thought their charges of deliberate bombing of a hospital in Hanoi (their favorite showcase for foreigners) unsubstantial, since it was close to installations of military importance. He said they bitterly condemn the U.S. for not having furnished them promised reconstruction aid. In spite of their diligent attention to improving the shattered economy he is convinced their ambition eventually to conquer South Viet-Nam rests unabated.

He thought the North Koreans even tougher than the North Vietnamese. He was invited, but declined, to visit Panmunjom. He does not fear an early attempt by them to attack South Korea; their immediate objective is the withdrawal of American troops.

This wise owl is not disturbed over the current cultural mini-revolution. He feels Chou En-lai's political position is strong, and his partial retirement from ceremonial functions not indicative of diminution of his

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prestige. Like the Soviet Ambassador, his opinion is that if Mao dies, the succession probably would be orderly at least for a time, because the military are not now cohesive enough to unite in a power struggle. About the long-range future, he does not care to make predictions.

Wednesday, May 29, 1974

Khieu Samphan, the Poo-bah of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, is back in Peking, conversing and banqueting. He is a member of the political bureau of the central committee of the National United Front, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence of the Royal Government of National Union, Commander-in-Chief of the People's Armed Forces of National Liberation.

The joint communique issued by the PRC and Cambodians contains the usual denunciation of the superpowers, stating: "The international situation is continuing to develop in a direction favorable to the people of the whole world. Its basic characteristic is great disorder under heaven. The rivalry between the superpowers and their aggression, subversion, interference, control and plunder everywhere are sharpening all the basic contradictions in the contemporary world, increasing the awakening of the people and arousing them to resistance. The old order based on colonialism, imperialism and hegemonism is

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being undermined and shaken to its foundations. The people of all countries are advancing triumphantly amidst the turbulence. Countries want independence, nations want liberation, and the people want revolution -- this is the historical trend that no force on earth can resist. The two sides firmly stand by all oppressed peoples and oppressed nations and resolutely support their just struggles."

We lunched delightfully with the Molinaris at their apartment.

Thursday, May 30, 1974

It rained heavily during the night, the first real downpour in Peking since my return here on March 22. The winter wheat crop in this region has suffered from the long drought; forecasts are it will be smaller than that of 1973.

The Canton Fair has closed. Business there was considerably smaller than last year's import and export commitments. Chinese prices were for many commodities too swollen to warrant purchases; on the other hand, the Chinese declared most foreign offerings were too expensive.

HAK seems to have performed another miracle. It looks as if he might have brought about an agreement between the Syrians and Israelis for disengagement and a cease fire. If so, the scene of further negotiations can perhaps be shifted to Geneva.

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Ireland is in a state of near chaos. Heath started out Monday morning to visit Sian and other famous places, but he has had to fly incontinently to London.

Portugal is wrestling with the demands of Guinea, Angola, Mozambique, the Cape Verde Islands for full independence.

Giscard d'Estaing has formed what appears to be a good cabinet; this is almost the sole item of good news. He will immediately apply himself to trying to bring about a better relationship between France and Germany.

Last night I read the widely popular book, published in 1967, by the Belgian author Jacques Marcuse. An old China Hand, he is extremely sceptical of the durable success of Maoism. I thought it a dull production.

Tonight, the Netherlands Ambassador and Mrs. Vixseboxse gave a dinner in our honor.

Friday, May 31, 1974

Met this morning our first two civilian security guards, Messrs. Mike Woods and Dave Tanner, aged 26 and 25 respectively, both bachelors. Yesterday, I was really touched by our Marines presenting me with an eulogistic scroll in which I was made a private first class in their security group. It was a most pleasant surprise for me; E., who was present, had not warned me of it. They are a

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splendid lot of young men, vigorous, devoted, attractive, and on occasions given to whimsy. They have also generously offered us their "Red Ass Saloon Bar", which we expect to place on the terrace.

Steve Fitzgerald, the Australian Ambassador, came to see me this morning. His Prime Minister Whitlam has just scraped through a general election with a narrow majority.

At home, 69-year-old Senator Bill Fulbright was crushed in the Democratic Primary in Arkansas, and will retire after many years of service in Congress. No one yet knows who will replace him as Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. He is a somewhat cantankerous man of intellectual talent, with an attractive social personality. He is especially entitled to great credit for his sponsorship of the Fulbright Scholarships.

Dinner at the Netherlands Ambassador's last night was in every respect agreeable. Amongst those there were the Mauritian Ambassador and his wife, the Ghana Ambassador and his wife, the Norwegian Ambassador, the German Charge d'Affaires.

Saturday, June 1, 1974

E. and I left this morning for Paris on the 8:45 Air France plane. I expect to be back here on June 28.

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Having resolved to escape the tyranny of keeping a diary, I shall now (August 13) confine myself to jottings from my pocket engagement book, and not deal with substantive matters.

Our flight to Paris on Air France was uneventful. Including a one hour stop in Karachi for refueling, we were only seventeen hours en route. Being in daylight throughout, indulgence in reading was perfection.

Sunday, June 2, 1974

After a comfortable night at the Ritz Hotel, Robert Gérard motored us to his Chateau Villette, possession of which one cannot but envy him. It must be one of the most beautiful manor houses -- albeit on a grand scale -- in the world. We lunched there with Colette and their children before viewing the latest improvements to the chapel, orangery, dependencies, cascades, lakes and other parts of this miniature paradise.

The Gérards drove us this afternoon to Bazoches where we were to dine with Jean Monnet. The great political philosopher was taking his ease in his beloved retreat, which occupies a completely secluded position amongst trees and fields. We talked to his brother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter Marianne, who lives nearby, as

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does a famous non-relative, Brigitte Bardot. Since Silvia was suffering from acute arthritis, Jean took E. and me to dine at an almost adjoining picturesque inn, managed and staffed by a local family. The fare there was equal to anything offered in a great Paris restaurant. At 86 Monnet is as active mentally as ever, and physically was vigorous. We talked of European Unity, world politics, and the dangers of an almost global recession. As to the last, I found him gravely pessimistic.

Jean sent us to town in a fast Citroen so skilfully conducted by an Italian chauffeur that we avoided massive traffic blocks.

Monday, June 3, 1974

Luxuriated in Paris with E., lunching in a pleasing bistro on the Place des Vosges.

I went to see Cy Sulzberger at his office where I had the good luck to encounter Marina. After a stop at the Embassy, I took an afternoon plane to London. Dined at Bucks.

Wednesday, June 5, 1974

Lunched with Mary Manners, had dinner at an Italian restaurant in Chelsea with Jeannette Rothschild.

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Thursday, June 6, 1974

Visited the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, to stock up on sterling. Prices in London of food and drink seem almost to have doubled in the last twelve months; the pound in one's pocket does not last long.

Went to Mr. Austin on Harley Street to have my teeth cleaned. Shopped for a few necessities. E. returned from Paris in the late afternoon, so we are happy in Albany.

Saturday, June 8, 1974

Hot, cloudless day. Mayfair almost deserted except for tourists.

Sunday, June 9, 1974

Continuation of Riviera weather. Bob Ingersoll and Art Hummel from State came to drink, then I took them to the Café Royal for a long talk about foreign policy matters. Bob told me he had been offered the Deputy Secretaryship of State -- I urged him to accept.

Monday, June 10, 1974

Wandered across the hall to see Fleur Meyer. She has had severe heart attacks but is on the mend, quite unconquerable and buoyant.

Tuesday, June 11, 1974

Went back this afternoon to the Ritz in Paris. As we are on leave at our own expense, I feel free to travel as I wish. The Embassies in London and Paris track me

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down with any urgent telegrams.

Wednesday, June 12, 1974

Spent most of the day at Bagatelle with Mary Manners -- the flowers there, especially roses, were outvying each other in exuberance.

Thursday, June 13, 1974

Saw Les Chinois à Paris, only part of which I had viewed on an earlier visit. Most amusing. Having outraged the Chinese by its ironic ribaldry, it is now being boycotted to a considerable extent by the French, who are offended by its sarcastic depiction of so-called Resistance leaders. To Malmaison, beloved of Josephine and Napoleon.

Friday, June 14, 1974

Went with Mary to the Roseraie de la Haye where, while she made copious notes on innumerable roses, I dawdled and read in the sun. Dined tonight at the Roy Gourmet on Place de la Victoire. I forgot to pay my bill -- the only thing a French restaurant appears reluctant to urge on a client. Was pursued into the square by a disturbed waitress.

Saturday, June 15, 1974

Glorious day at Versailles, with lunch in a sidewalk café. Dined tonight in the tented garden at the Ritz. I believe the hotel was largely untenanted. Although this was an important race day there were only about

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ten people in the garden.

Sunday, June 16, 1974

To the Carnavalet Museum, featured by the great collection bequeathed it by that prescient antique dealer Madame Bouvier.

To the Sacré Coeur, its steps crowded with singing, boisterous, unwashed hippies, most of them Americans. Dinner on the Place des Vosges.

Monday, June 17, 1974

Back to London this morning. E. and I dined tonight at Mark's (Birley) with Marietta and Ronnie Tree. Ronnie has been ill. Mark's, possibly the most expensive restaurant in London, is attractive.

Tuesday, June 18, 1974

We dined with the Charlie Wrightsmans, John Pope-Henessey, George Weidenfeld and others.

Wednesday, June 19, 1974

Went to the Embassy for a cholera shot. Presuming on that I was gratuitously given an almost complete physical examination by a Navy doctor. Nothing palpably wrong.

At Bill Redford's, I bought for two thousand pounds a pair of eight branched French directoire candelabra on green porphyry as a gift to the Embassy in Paris. All

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living former American Ambassadors to France have been asked to give furniture or objects for the equipment of the Residence at 41 Rue de Faubourg St. Honoré. I understand the others have done so; now this purchase should atone for my tardiness.

We dined with Pamela and Michael Hartwell. They were depressed over the raging inflation in Britain. It is especially severe on newspapers; the Daily and Sunday Telegraph are, I gather, being hard hit.

Thursday, June 20, 1974

Had an eye examination this morning, as ordered by the Naval Dispensary. State Department employees are expected to be checked once or twice a year for glaucoma. I was pronounced free of it. The young, enterprising, English optometrist told me he could not gratify my desire to be declared fruitful of cataracts (as an excuse for retirement!) but thought in a few years I might develop one in my right eye. He did, however, try to console me for this disappointment by saying the condition of my lower eyelids was such as to warrant an operation next winter to diminish my tear ducts.

We lunched with Diana Cooper, and a merry group in her garden. This evening we motored down to Den

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and Jolly Jack Heinzs' beautiful country place where they were giving a dinner after the Ascot Gold Cup Race. It was fun. I had a talk with Walter Annenberg; he said he had counted on relinquishing his duties as Ambassador about July 12, but must now stay on as no successor had passed muster.

Friday, June 21, 1974

Gave my dear friend Ronnie Tree lunch at the Café Royal. He is somewhat incommoded by cystitis, and another threatening ailment, but does not regard them as serious.

Saturday, June 22, 1974

Lunch with Mary Manners at the Café Royal. We dined as guests of Philippe and Pauline Rothschild at the excellent Gavroche. The others were John Wells and Tissy Chancellor.

Sunday, June 23, 1974

Back again to the Rothschilds for dinner, this time at their chambers in Albany. Peter Eyre, John Wells and Tissy were there. John and Jonathan Miller are about to produce their long-awaited "Le Mariage de Figaro".

Monday, June 24, 1974

Lunched in Chelsea. Promenaded. Window-shopped. To Sothebys, Christie's, Bluett, John Sparks.

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Tuesday, June 25, 1974

E. and I went to ris this afternoon. We had a late tea there with Michel of Greece and Marina in their apartment on Rue de Poitiers. Kisty Hesketh was staying with them.

Wednesday, June 26, 1974

To our Embassy. After despatching business, I dropped in at the medical section where my amiable friend the Polish doctor -- who will retire to private practice this year -- gave me a brief examination, and proclaimed me to be in good physical condition.

Had a heavenly afternoon with charming Gabriella Van Zuylen. First, after a spell in Galignani's book store, we visited the Place des Arènes, that extraordinary, restored Roman amphitheatre so little frequented even by Parisians. Afterwards, we walked around the Place des Vosges, before going on to the Place Louvois, opposite the Bibliothèque Nationale. I had always promised myself a stay at the tiny hotel Fleur de Lys facing the square, where E. and I had occasionally lunched. Alas! It had been converted into a pavement bar, where we slaked our thirst with Strasbourg beer.

Gabriella is a marvelously sympathetic companion.

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Tonight, E. and I dined at the Espadon in the Ritz. This room was only half filled with patrons; a dry martini or whisky now costs $2.50 a glass in Paris; other drinks and food are correspondingly high.

Thursday, June 27, 1974

To my great pleasure, Bob Bowie came to see me at the hotel this morning. A little later Jean Monnet arrived. E. and I had already read the first hundred pages of his draft autobiography, upon which he has at long last concentrated. We thought it fascinating, being especially taken by the descriptions of his early family life in Cognac. This book, when completed, will, I am convinced, have a startling success, for many people have already forgotten what a major part this remarkable man has played in modern history.

He lunched with us at the Espadon, beguiling us with some elaborations on what he has already written.

I left Paris tonight at 7:55 by Air France for Peking. E. will remain in Europe a bit longer.

Friday, June 28, 1974

Since I cannot sleep on planes, I obtain compensation by reading. On my flight from China to France I devoured the massive Rey novel "Le Grec". It is as nearly libellous as any fictional work I've ever tackled, for Onassis,

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Jackie Kennedy, Niarchos, and other characters involved are, although under pseudonyms, as recognizable as if they were correctly named. When translated from French into other languages this satirical account of life in the Jet Set will be sensational.

For the return journey I bought at Orly four volumes of Jean and Josette Bruce adventure stories from the OSS 117 series. Its circulation in France has already surpassed 55 million copies. Although Bruce was killed some years ago in an automobile accident, his widow Josette is equally effective as a teller of violence and sexy tales.

As more serious reading, I attacked Peyrefitte's Quand la Chine S'Eveillera, about six hundred pages of intelligent observations on present day mainland China. With these, a recent Foreign Affairs, the Oxford Book of English Prose, newspapers, magazines, a dreadful modern movie of"The Three Musketeers", I did not lack diversion.

Was met at the airport by the Holdridges and McKinleys. Am enchanted to be again in Peking, far from the maddening troubles besetting the United States and Europe.

Saturday, June 29, 1974

Back at the office -- plenty of mail and documents to deal with.

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Sunday, June 30, 1974

Clare Hollingworth, generous with intelligence items, lunched with me at home today.

Monday, July 1, 1974

To the airport this evening to meet Senator Jackson and his delegation. Later he came to the Residence. We went into hiding, and had a long, frank talk. He said that while he was in China he would make no criticism of Secretary Kissinger or President Nixon. The others of his delegation, including my old friend Dorothy Fosdick, had drinks with me; two of them are Chinese scholars.

Tuesday, July 2, 1974

I attended a lunch given in honor of Scoop Jackson and his party by their host, the Chinese People's Institute for Foreign Affairs.

Wednesday, July 3, 1974

I had a lunch at home today for the Jacksonian party, who had already been on the obligatory tour to the Great Wall and Ming Tombs. The Canadian, Australian and New Zealand Ambassadors were with us; I had invited the French Ambassador but he was otherwise occupied. John Addis' British replacement will not arrive until several weeks from now.

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Dined tonight at a restaurant with the Scoop group as guests of Ch'iao Kuan-hua with whom they had spent the afternoon. A relaxed, genial occasion.

Thursday, July 4, 1974

To a lunch at the Great Hall of the People given for Scoop by Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, and was fortunate to sit between Teng and my favorite Ch'iao Kuan-hua. This afternoon, I presided over our annual Fourth of July reception with Ch'iao as the ranking official guest. About 260 people attended, the majority Chinese. Since we are not on the Diplomatic List we invite no foreign diplomats, so confine ourselves to Chinese and Americans.

I was interested in making an initial acquaintance this morning with Teng Hsiao-ping. A short, squat, broad-shouldered man of almost seventy, he is now carrying out many of the duties usually performed by Chou En-lai. He disappeared during the Cultural Revolution, presumably in disgrace, and only resurfaced this year. He is almost gnome like in physical appearance and stature, his face inscrutable, his eyes piercing and intelligent. I should think him as tough as they make them, which indeed is his reputation. In response to many questions, he displayed a comprehensive range of exact information.

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The treatment accorded to Jackson and his entourage has been extraordinarily cordial and flattering. He has spent fifteen hours or more with Ch'iao and Teng. His only regret is not thus far having been notified of an engagement with Chou En-lai, who is said to be ill.

Friday, July 5, 1974

Great doings this morning, when the Jacksons were preparing to depart for Shanghai. Helen and Scoop were summoned to see Chou -- they found him in hospital, but well enough to talk to them for half-an-hour, and to be photographed with them. The departure of the Chinese plane for Shanghai had been delayed for several hours to make possible his interview with Chou.

I have been for many years on excellent terms with Scoop. He is a man of character and ability. I do not concur in some of his political views, but believe if he ever were to attain his ambition he would make a good President. Both he and his wife are attractive. I hope he and HAK will eventually be able to reconcile their opposing views on several foreign problems, regarding a few of which I find Jackson naive. At any rate, he made a most favorable personal impression on the Chinese.

Saturday, July 6, 1974

The Chinese newspapers this morning carried photographs of Chou En-lai greeting the Jacksons at the hospital.

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This is the first time there has been any public acknowledgment that he was there. It is surmised he is recovering from a heart attack or high blood pressure.

I lunched today with the Bryce Harlands at the New Zealand Embassy. They are a friendly, rewarding couple.

Sunday, July 7, 1974

E. called me from Paris on the telephone; the communication was as clear as if we were conversing together in the same room. She is staying with Virginia Chambers.

Monday, July 8, 1974

Virginia Schafer lunched with me. She is extremely competent, agreeable, and attractive. As Budget and Fiscal Officer her performance has been beyond praise. Having set it up and brought it to smooth functioning, she is due for transfer in September to the Department.

Tuesday, July 9, 1974

John Small, the Canadian Ambassador, called on me this morning for a tour d'horizon.

Wednesday, July 10, 1974

The new Ambassador of Finland, Martti Salomies, came to see me.

Lunched with Maureen Molinari. This being a half-day, we went to the tailor in the Old Legation Quarter where I am having made some badly needed summer clothes.

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Since they have only materials produced in China, the range of selections of cloths is limited, but their workmanship seems excellent.

Thursday, July 11, 1974

Joel Goldstein, Chairman of the Daily Princetonian, a position once occupied by my brother Jim, visited me this morning. He wished to write a profile of me. I dissuaded him; instead I tried to sketch him a profile of Chinese history.

Our flag is at half-mast today to mark the death of former Chief Justice Warren, a fine man.

Lunched with the Holdridges in company with the Copithornes of the Canadian Embassy, Ros, the Charge d'Affaires of Argentina, and others. Delicious Chinese food and drink.

The Japanese Ambassador Ogawa called on me this afternoon, to ascertain whether I had brought back any news nuggets from Europe.

Friday, July 12, 1974

I had a message from HAK a few days ago requesting me to return to Washington for consultation, so I have arranged to leave here tomorrow on an Air France through flight to Paris.

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Met Steve Fitzgerald for a talk about Cambodia. His Government has instructed him, in effect, to survey the possibilities of a settlement. Bryce Harland called. Lunched with Clare Hollingworth at her hotel. Wrote efficiency reports. Mrs. Jules Lederer, introduced by Senator Symington, came for drinks. Lively and entertaining -- famous for advice to the lovelorn. ("Ann Landers").

Saturday, July 13, 1974

Was airborne at nine A.M., and reached Paris about 6:30 p.m. French time. Unfortunately there was no plane for London until ten, so I read in the waiting room at Orly. Arrived at Albany by midnight, there to find E. well ensconced.

Sunday, July 14, 1974

E., in spite of my changed plans, will fly to Peking on Thursday to hold the Residence fort there. We think it well for us both not to be absent from Peking at the same time during this period.

Monday, July 15, 1974

My batteries seem to be adequately recharged. Had an enjoyable time exploring with friends. Communicated with the State Department.

Tuesday, July 16, 1974

More of the same.

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Wednesday, July 17, 1974

Left this morning by Pan American at 10:45 bound for Washington. Delightfully lucky to find Sasha and Nicky in Georgetown, just arrived from Staunton Hill, where they are now firmly established. E.'s charming cousin, Paule d'Obendorff, continues in residence which is highly congenial for us all. Also, fortunately, faithful Truman McCray is often available to give me a ride in his moonlighting car.

Thursday, July 18, 1974

Day at the Department. Dined tonight with Susan Mary Alsop at her Watergate apartment. Muffie and Henry Brandon, Rowlie and Kay Evans, Stuart Symington and others were there. Sat up late.

Friday, July 19, 1974

E. will arrive in Peking tonight.

To Department. Saw many people. Had teeth cleaned. Have not yet encountered HAK. He is at San Clemente with the President.

Saturday, July 20, 1974

Carrie and Macgill James came to drink. Macgill, my oldest friend from Baltimore days, is touching 77. Dined with Lorraine and John Cooper. He is going as Ambassador to East Germany but this has not yet been

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announced, since the East Germans are being nasty over certain Berlin political matters.

Sunday, July 21, 1974

Worked with Gladys Schukraft this morning. Lunched at the Henry Brandons' with Richard Samuel of the British Embassy (formerly in Peking) and a lady columnist of the Washington Post.

Dined tonight at the Empress Restaurant (as guest of Nancy and Henry Kissinger). Amongst those there were Dan Moynihan (Ambassador to India), Kay Graham, Tom Braden (Joan is in East Africa making a Foundation survey), the Brandons, Betty and Winston Lord. HAK, looking fit, was repeatedly called from the table to answer telephone calls from Greece, Turkey, Britain, Cyprus, the President, and elsewhere about the Cyprus crisis.

Monday, July 22, 1974

Saw HAK at noon. Talked about many confidential matters. Joan Braden telephoned me from Jerusalem whence she is going to Greece. Susan Mary Alsop came to dinner; Joe is at Hot Springs -- he was shattered by Stewart's death.

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Friday, July 26, 1974

Dined with Lorraine and John Cooper.

Saturday, July 27, 1974

Was glad to leave the polluted political and social atmosphere of Washington tonight by Pan American for London.

Sunday, July 28, 1974

Holed up at Albany as an unexpected visitor. Found a couple of sheets and went to bed. Then followed two happy days with friends.

Wednesday, July 31, 1974

Flew over to Paris at lunchtime. Had the good fortune this evening to take Gabriella Van Zuylen to dinner at the Mediterrannée, where I had not been for several years. The ebullient proprietor kissed me on both cheeks, and joined us in drinking a bottle of his own champagne.

Afterwards, Gabriella and I strolled around in the Luxembourg Quarter, once glamorous; now somewhat shoddy. The lovely park was closed, but the weather glorious.

Thursday, August 1, 1974

Lunched with my pal Clem Brown at the Travellers' Club. He had just returned from the United States where he had gone to attend Dick Watson's funeral. Poor Dick

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had risen during the night to get a glass of water, tripped on marble steps, fallen, knocked his head, lost consciousness and never recovered it. At the age of about 55 this vigorous friend should have had an expectancy of many years of useful life.

Took the 7:55 p.m. Air France Boeing 707 plane tonight for Peking. Buttressed by a half dozen books, I had a relaxed 16 hour trip to Peking where E., the Holdridges and McKinleys met me.

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Saturday, August 3, 1974

Office. Stacks of mail. Glad to be back in this tranquil city with our sympathetic office families.

Sunday, August 4, 1974

Clare Hollingworth lunched with us today. She gave a packet of information about conditions throughout China. The poster campaign in Peking has been largely abandoned, but effervescence of a factional nature persists in several provinces. Little blood is shed in such demonstrations, though staves and stones are often used.

Monday, August 5, 1974

Nothing of interest; a slow day at the office.

Tuesday, August 6, 1974

Steve Fitzgerald called on me this morning. Under instructions from his Government he has been probing the Cambodian wound. He has discovered no disposition on the part of the PRC, Sihanouk, or the Khmer Rouge to enter into negotiations with Phnom Penh leaders. I had discussed this subject with HAK in Washington and was given rather broad authority to take it up with the PRC. It now, however, seems best to abstain from doing so, at least for the time being.

Bob Blackburn, his house guest Mary Vance Trent (once in the Paris Embassy when I was Ambassador; now an expert on Micronesia) and the Morins came to drink with us.

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haunts the so-called antique shops since he says he has few professional duties, except going to airports with other heads of diplomatic missions, and attending official banquets. He thinks me lucky not to be invited on such occasions; I am in good company now that Chou En-lai has discarded his ceremonial functions.

Friday, August 9, 1974

On the radio this morning the announcement was made of President Nixon's resignation. Hosannah.

Serge Romensky, of Agence France Presse, came to see me. E. and I took gamma globulin shots.

Saturday, August 10, 1974 and Sunday, August 11, 1974

VOA and BBC have devoted hours to newscasts about Nixon and Ford, who was sworn in Saturday as President. On Saturday, John Holdridge and I delivered to Ch'iao Kuan-hua a personal letter from President Ford for transmission to Chairman Mao, reaffirming his support of our China policy.

Monday, August 12, 1974

Abbas Aram, the Iranian Ambassador, visited me this morning. As always, I had from him interesting, instructive comments on world affairs.

For dinner tonight we had the Canadian Ambassador and his wife, the Australian Fitzgeralds, Mr. Timothy Pearce, Reuters correspondent, Miss Virginia Schafer,

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Budget and Fiscal Officer, USLO, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pascoe, Political Officer, USLO. The universal feeling was one of relief that the poisonous Nixon fog had been partially dissipated. Some astonishment was expressed at his failure, in his otherwise good resignation speech, to acknowledge the gravity of his misdeeds.

Tuesday, August 13, 1974

Idle day at the office.

Wednesday, August 14, 1974

We lunched with Gerd and Lois Ruge (Die Welt).

Thursday, August 15, 1974

The Egyptian Ambassador Salah El-Abd came to see me. A jolly fellow. We talked about the dreadful situation in Cyprus, before an inevitable discussion of the Arab-Israeli confrontation. Cyprus presently dominates the foreign news.

Friday, August 16, 1974

Ambassador Han Tzu, Deputy Chief of the PRC Liaison Office in Washington, lunched with me in company with Lin P'ing (Director, Department of American and Oceanian Affairs in the MFA), Ting Yuan-hung, Director, Office of U.S. Affairs, MFA), Shen Jo-yun (Deputy Director, Office of U.S. Affairs, MFA), John Holdridge, Herbert Horowitz, and Don Anderson.

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Tzu, once Chief of Protocol, speaks English fluently, has an engaging personality, has had a great success in Washington. He is in Peking on vacation.

The McKinleys joined us at the airport this evening to meet Lauder Greenway and my three Currier grandchildren, Andrea (18), Lavinia (17), Michael (13). The Air France plane from Paris was on time. It was a delight to see them; Lauder, an old friend, an unusually intelligent, cultivated, man had generously accompanied them at marked personal inconvenience -- he can only stay a few days because his father, almost ninety-eight, is slightly ill in Connecticut. I have seldom met anyone as unselfish as Lauder. He is the soul of benevolence, a boon companion, a rare individual. His outstanding work has been, I think, his Presidency of the Metropolitan Opera in New York, but his other constructive interests are manifold.

The children seemed unshaken by their long trip, so we eagerly expect to launch them tomorrow on sightseeing tours in and about Peking.

Saturday, August 17, 1974

Office in the morning. Lauder and I spent the afternoon at the Summer Palace. Cloudless, hot day.

Tonight we all dined, with three Holdridges as guests, at the Yuan Shi-kai (Cheng Tu) Restaurant.

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The three lovely children pose a problem in that they are vegetarians (although I suspect Michael of occasional backsliding), so many Chinese delicacies are for them beyond the pale.

Sunday, August 18, 1974

Office in the morning. Clare Hollingworth lunched with us, telling many picturesque anecdotes.

Lauder and I walked for several hours this afternoon in the Forbidden City. He was overwhelmed by its beauty.

Tonight, the McKinleys and others -- eleven in all -- dined with us at the Health and Happiness Restaurant (Kang Le). Brunson had ordered a vegetarian meal, but luckily the maitre d' allowed a few meats to escape his attention.

Monday, August 19, 1974

After a turn at the office our family group went to picnic at the Ming Tombs. E. and I hived off afterwards to enable me to return to Peking; the other four motored to the Great Wall.

Tonight, E., Lauder and I dined with Clare Hollingworth at the Hsin Chiao Hotel. Elizabeth Wright, her fiance (Minister of the Austrian Embassy), Elizabeth's sister, John Weston-Simons, Tim Pearce (Reuters), an agreeable Australian lady journalist (now permanently stationed in Peking) were there.

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Tuesday, August 20, 1974

Took part of the afternoon off to accompany Lauder and the children to the Temple of Heaven -- my favorite place in Peking save for the Forbidden City. Extensive restoration work is being skilfully done there.

As a boy and up to middle age I was devoted to playing chess. Challenged by Michael, I found I had lost any cunning I may once have possessed, but I do wish to take it up seriously again.

Tonight, with the Holdridges, we went to dine at a Mongolian "Hot Pot" restaurant. Superb food.

Wednesday, August 21, 1974

Lauder left early this morning for Paris. Bob Lucas, Thelma, and their son Bill lunched with us.

I can scarcely recollect ever being so enlivened in spirit as I was this morning on learning that President Ford had nominated Nelson Rockefeller for the Vice Presidency. I believe this a master stroke. Amongst the numerous qualifications of character, personality, a[illegible]ability that Nelson will bring to the position, he has always had a talent for picking out competent people to serve him in his public and private capacities.

President Ford had scarcely taken his oath before messages from him and HAK were despatched to foreign chiefs

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of state. I have had a private communication from HAK about certain of his own plans for the summer and autumn. I firmly believe that Ford, Rockefeller, and Kissinger will conduct foreign policy in a masterly, brilliant manner.

Thursday, August 22, 1974

Office. Lucille Zaelit came to lunch. For the last couple of weeks the flow of telegrams here from the Department has been far below average. Since we have not, as of now, any vexatious problems involving important negotiations with the Chinese, I do not anticipate a sudden burst of activity by our Mission. HAK has always intended to visit China this year; when he arrives there will be a welcome flurry of excitement.

Incidental intelligence apprises us that President Ford's baptismal surname was King (later he assumed the name of his stepfather); Mrs. Ford was a divorcée when he married her.

Friday, August 23, 1974

The Curriers lunched today with Clare Hollingworth at a workers' restaurant. The people in our Mission have been wonderfully kind to the grandchildren. Chinese-speaking members volunteer to take them bicycling, shopping, sightseeing.

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We all dined tonight at six o'clock with the Holdridges at a restaurant in the Summer Palace grounds a stone's throw from the famous marble boat. Our party was the only one there. Indeed, the vast enclosure of the Park was closed, so we were the only visitors remaining. There was perfect stillness and tranquility. The moon was up, stars out, unclouded skies, the Western Hills fully visible. At this time of year even the daytime heat is not excessive; shirtsleeves are the ordinary wear for everyone.

Our restaurant reception room and veranda were formerly used at times by the old Dowager Empress to view theatrical and operatic performances on a stage set in a temple like structure opposite. The Empress' own establishment was nearby, rather simple for such an extravagant personage.

Qua food, this was perhaps the best meal I have had in China. Comparisons, however, are difficult; the almost incredible variety of dishes, regional cooking, cunning sauces, give one constant surprises. Often it is almost impossible for a foreigner to determine what he is eating; I have mistaken meat for fish, nuts for vegetables, mushrooms for truffles. Nevertheless, I usually recognize the many kinds of fruit that are so abundant and delicious.

John Holdridge and Don Anderson still battle at the Foreign Office over details of the contracts covering

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the Chinese archaeological exhibition this winter at the National Gallery in Washington and the Kansas City Museum. The Chinese are not nearly as legalistic as our advisers, but are stubborn when insisting on the complete acceptance of their own texts.

The anti-Confucius campaign is still emphatically carried on. Commenting on Confucius' "Love for all", Chairman Mao is quoted as having said long ago: "Since mankind was divided into classes there has never been unified love. All the ruling classes of the past were fond of advocating love, and many so-called sages also liked to advocate it; but nobody has ever genuinely practiced love because it is impossible to practice love in a class society."

I am still swamped by a miscellany of books on China. The most satisfying of those I have recently read is that published this year by Alfred Knopf, under the title: Emperor of China; self-portrait of Kang-hsi by Jonathan D. Spence, professor of Chinese history at Yale.

It is satisfying how the scholarly author and compiler has succeeded in discovering and presenting this fascinating record of one of the most powerful rulers in world history, the Emperor Kang-hsi whose reign lasted for over sixty years. He lived from 1654-1722. Later in the eighteenth

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century his grandson, the famous Chien-lung, also enjoyed the Mandate of Heaven for sixty years, resigning so that his tenure would not exceed that of his grandfather. Chien-lung, however, was much longer lived. He was born in 1711 and died in 1799, on the eve of the "Century of Humiliation."

Kang-hsi had 56 children who lived for some time after birth, borne by 30 consorts of varying ranks: 20 daughters of whom 8 grew to maturity and married; 36 sons of whom 20 grew to maturity, and 18 had sons -- the number of the sons of those 18 was 123.

In his valedictory edict the Emperor concludes: "I've revealed my entrails and shown my guts, there's nothing left within me to reveal."

His reflections on old age are of particular interest, and, though succinct, worthy of comparison with Cicero's De Senectute. He estimated that if one could get even two or three hours of quiet relaxation it makes up for days of hardship. Somewhat gloomily, he seems to have agreed with the dicta of Confucius on the stages necessary for learning and growth, and the stages of the body from the Yellow Emperor: "There is full potency at sixteen; firmness, strength, and full height at twenty-four; healthy flesh, bone, and muscle, and great fertility at

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thirty-two. Then at forty the teeth decay, and there are fewer sexual emanations; at forty-eight vigor drops, face wrinkles, temples whiten; by fifty-six physical strength is gone and the semen exhausted; at sixty-four teeth and hair fall. Some will keep their vigor long past these stages, but even so they will not pass this extra vigor on to their sons and daughters."

Saturday, August 24, 1974

Another hot, clear day. Office in the morning. The McKinleys lunched with us. Nancy taught Andrea how to use chops to mark books. As a result of that, and preceding work, I now have identification symbols in most of the books I have read and shall take home when I leave Peking. They include: The Oxford Book of English Prose; The Oxford Book of English Verse; the Limits of Art; East Asia by Fairbank, Reischauer, Craig; Stranger in China by Colin McCullough; the Essays of Montaigne; The Classic of Tea - Lu Yu; Emperor of China Kahg Hsi, by Jonathan Spence; the Gulag Archipelago by Solzhenitsyn; China; An Interpretive History by Levenson-Schurman; Those Fabulous Philadelphians by Kupperberg; The Concise Oxford Dictionary; The United States and China by John K. Fairbank; Offices by Cicero; Uncertain Passage by Barnett; Turn Again Westminster by Woodrow Wyatt; Fat Sasha and the Urban Guerilla by David Bonavia; Americans and Chinese

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by Francis L.K. Tsu; Witness to History by Charles Bohlen; China and the Helping Hand by Young; Drew Pearson Diaries Vol. I; The Dragon Empress by Marina Warner; Barbarians and Mandarins by Cameron; The Cecils by David Cecil; La Chute de Chiang Kai-shek by Robert Rothschild; A Chinese Anthology by Raymond van Over; China, The Sleeping Giant by Douglas Polk; The Other One by Colette; China Readings (Penguin, 3 vols.); The Coldest War by C.L. Sulzberger; Tennyson's Poetry; The Decline and Fall by Gibbon; Les Yeux sur la Chine by Galland; Within the Walls of Peking by Barnard; Notes From China by Tuchman; Men and Women, The Poetry of Love by Untermeyer; The Tooth Merchant by Sulzberger; The Art and Architecture of China by Sickman and Soper; Fodor's Peking; Nagel's China; China Diary by Charlotte Salisbury; Twilight in the Forbidden City by Reginald Johnston; In Search of Old Peking; The World of Ancient China by Grosier; Stay of Execution by Stewart Alsop; A China Passage by Galbraith; Morrison of Peking by Cyril Pearl; Other Men's Flowers by Wavell; City of Lingering Splendour by Blofeld; This Vast External Realm by Dean Acheson; A World Restored by Henry Kissinger; The Siege of Peking by Peter Fleming; John Foster Dulles by Guhm; The Snare of the Hunter by Helen MacInnes; The British in the Far East by George Woodcock; A Biography of J.A.M. Whistler by McMullen; Mao and China by Stanley Karnow; To Peking and Beyond by

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Harrison Salisbury; Last Chance in China by John Service; Mao's Revolution and the Chinese Political Culture by Richard Solomon; Itinerary in Southern Asia by Ludovici di Varthema; Dragon by the Tail by John Davies; The Rothschilds by Virginia Cowles; The I Ching or Book of Changes (2 vols.); The Making of the President 1972 by Theodore White; Imperial Presidency by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.; Lord Elgin's Mission to China and Japan by Oliphant (2 vols.); The Semblance of Peace, by John Wheeler-Bennett; Gardens of China by Siren; China by Freer Gallery of Art; The Wilderness of Tao-Chi by the Metropolitan Museum of Art; The Han Tomb No. 1 at Mawangtu, Changsha, Wenwu Press, Peking 1973 (2 large quarto vols.; Chinese), Treasures of Asia by Skina; Chinese Figure Painting by Thomas Lawton; Historical Relics Unearthed in New China; Memoirs of James Bruce; Red Star Over China by Edgar Snow; and a lot more, mostly on Chinese history.

Sunday, August 25, 1974

We had expected to go to Tientsin with the grandchildren to spend the day. Alack, as on the other occasion we made such a request we were informed that it might be "inconvenient" for us on the return train. (Perhaps the "Royal Family" are coming back on it from Peitaiho.)

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This morning, E., Andrea and Lavinia attended the service in Chinese at the Protestant Church. This holiday day passed briskly.

HAK has rejected the Secretary of Agriculture's request to post an agricultural attache here. When this request was last broached by Washington and I was asked to comment I sent the following message (drafted 8/5/74):

> "I shall, of course, assist in any practicable way to carry out Secstate's favorable answer to Secretary Butz request for assignment of an agricultural officer to USLO. I feel impelled, however, to call to your attention the following considerations.
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> "The assignment of an agricultural attache would probably require the assent of the P[illegible] Government. In the first instance, it should be discussed in Washington with PRCLO. My guess is that the PRC will regard the request with suspicion, and may well refuse it or not respond at all. There is a long history of defeat for the U.S. and other countries in attempts to secure more ample information about agricultural developments in China. USLO strongly urged the admission here on consultation of Mr. Champeau who is, I understand, USDA representative in Hong Kong, where he has two assistants. Even this modest application was categorically rejected originally and also when several times renewed.
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> "This attitude seems consistent with the pattern of Chinese opposition to exposure of their agricultural activities to foreign observers, who might be sent here on a permanent, or even semipermanent basis. Of the more than ninety diplomatic missions in Peking only one, the Japanese, has the equivalent of an agricultural attache. If we had one, even though he spoke Chinese fluently, he would be underemployed, frustrated, and probably politely ignored.
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> "Since USLO is not a diplomatic mission I believe the PRC may continue to confine its operations to those presently carried on by the State Department personnel

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stationed here, whose appointments are closely scrutinized before permission is granted for their residence. USLO is not on the Diplomatic List; its members have little of the freedom to travel occasionally permitted, at least on supervised tours, to regular Embassies, nor do we have as much freedom of access to Chinese officials as do personnel in established Embassies. If and when our two countries proceed to a fully normal diplomatic relationship, many of the existing restrictions on us would presumedly be altered, but meanwhile discrimination will continue.

"Other Departments of our Government have evinced their desire to have representatives here. To make an exception for USDA would undoubtedly result in a renewal of such demands.

"Moreover, there is neither housing nor office space available to us for additional postings in Peking. Some of our existing personnel after spending more than a year in a hotel have recently been allocated apartment space, with the warning that no more will be granted until the legitimate needs of other missions have been met, though the program of construction is still far from completion. Actually we still have one employee with only a distant prospect of housing.

"Our inadequate office building is already overcrowded. Last February we asked for more office space without success. An agricultural attache would have to share a room with one of the officers already in place, and share the services of the single secretary working for the Commercial/Economic Section.

"I assume that if this proposal by USDA becomes effective, its attache will fall under the direct supervision of our Commercial/Economic Section Chief, now an FSO-2, and will be an integral part of our mission, and not primarily an independent employee of the Department of Agriculture. Any other arrangement would be most undesirable.

"If the purpose of such an assignment is to improve reporting on Chinese agricultural performance and grain purchases from abroad over what is now being done in

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Hong Kong and by USLO this expectation is, in my opinion, unrealistic. Under present conditions the Chinese, and to a large extent the Americans, engaged in agricultural affairs here prefer to handle such matters without direct U.S. Government participation. In respect to furnishing statistical or related data to our officers, that is entirely contrary to their practice, unless it be in the form of carefully prepared handouts.

"In conclusion, I am in sympathy with the natural desire of USDA to be better informed upon, and to be of assistance in promoting improvements in the woefully backward state of Chinese agriculture. Nevertheless, I consider the present time inopportune to press the USDA proposal.

"Since the basis of Chinese life is agricultural I am convinced that the application here of certain features of USDA facilities would be highly beneficial to this economy, but am equally convinced that the assignment to Peking of a USDA representative would not now be conducive to that or any other useful end."

I have recommended that John Holdridge be considered for the Herter award following as best I could the forms prescribed; I found some of the requirements such as "constructive dissent" a departure from the usual bureaucratic jargon. A copy of my statement is attached.

Monday, August 26, 1974

Tonight, we were hosts at home to Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Tafel (Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany), Colonel J.F. Weston-Simons (Defense Attache, British Embassy); Senor and Senora Carlos Molinari (Argentine Embassy), Andrea, Lavinia, and Michael Currier. In deference to the ill-advised tastes of Western guests, we had Western food.

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NOMINATION FOR HERTER AWARD

PART 1: Biographic Data

NAME: John H. Holdridge

BIRTH DATE: August 21, 1924

GRADE: FSO-1

AGENCY: Department of State

PART 2: Association with Candidate

My association with Mr. Holdridge commenced in May 1973 after I had been designated as Chief of the United States Liaison Office to the People's Republic of China. He accompanied me from Washington to Peking in May 1973 as Deputy Chief of this Office. Previously, he had once accompanied President Nixon, and five times Secretary Kissinger there.

During the period of the last 15 months I have, except when absent from China, seen Mr. Holdridge every day, and because of the small number of our personnel have had an unusual opportunity to form a judgement of him. As a result, I developed a high estimate of his abilities which is why I am now nominating him for AFSA's Herter Award.

In our activities here Mr. Holdridge has been more than my alter ego. His fluency in the Chinese language, founded on early experience as a Chinese language officer, his background as a West Pointer, as an Army officer, later as an FSO in the National Security Council, and as a State Department representative in various posts in the Far East have qualified him to deal successfully with matters of substance, as well as to devote attention to administrative and other affairs which ordinarily, at

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least in a larger mission, would not fall within the field of his competence. In every respect he has conducted himself admirably and effectively in public and in private. My connection with him outside of the office has been particularly close because of the quasi self-containment here of the members of the Diplomatic Corps. This results in an unusual familiarity with our coworkers in this Mission.

Part 3: Justification for Nomination

a. Mr. Holdridge is a highly disciplined officer. He is notable for his ease of expression, both written and oral. His scholarly tastes are evident in his conversation, reflecting wide reading in a variety of intellectual and artistic fields. His mind is quick, his judgement sound, his imagination fruitful, and, above all, his character of the highest order. The spirit which animates his work and his attitude towards others is deserving of mention. He is an ideal partner with whom to exchange views or to cooperate with when dealing with problems. I have never known him to be ruffled in temper, impatient, or disdainful in opinion. He is careful and diligent in seeking the views of his fellows. In dealing with the Chinese officials, his tact, politeness, and negotiating ability are evident.

b. I suppose that this Mission, since it was established after more than two decades during which there was no official intercourse between the Chinese and the United States Governments, afforded Mr. Holdridge an almost unprecedented opportunity for the display of outstanding initiative. There was no guidance and no past precedent available to him in transacting business with members of the Government of the People's Republic of China. In addition, the differences of diplomatic method between our two countries were and will remain such as to require, certainly on the part of American Foreign Service Officers here, a degree of intellectual originality that might not be so requisite in more settled posts. Everything here had in effect to be developed de novo. In this respect, Mr. Holdridge has proved remarkably resourceful.

As to integrity, I would consider his to be absolute. His complete loyalty is beyond all question, and is one

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of his more striking characteristics. If by intellectual courage one means expression of one's convictions without heed to possible unfavorable consequences to one's own career, I consider Mr. Holdridge a man who would never temper his reporting or observations because of fear he might be espousing or propounding ideas or views at variance with those of his superiors. But, having stated his case, he would wholeheartedly carry out those decisions arrived at as defined Government policy.

Constructive dissent, I think, has to some extent been covered by the above reflections. Generally stated, in respect to constructive dissent in the substantive matters with which this Office has dealt, since the relations between our officers and the Department of State have been so largely harmonious on policy questions, differences have not existed to any appreciable degree. There have, however, been many cases when Mr. Holdridge and others here have differed in their assessment of political and other conditions in China with that advanced by China Watchers elsewhere. In such instances, Mr. Holdridge has challenged in a constructive manner, and always without dogmatism, conclusions which he has deemed injudicious.

An example of cases to which I have referred was his attitude in not hesitating to take a position at variance with that of several other posts in discussions over the "Yellow Peril" interchange of views, i.e., possible Chinese Communist expansionist ambitions towards Southeast Asia. Also, he was instrumental in realistically controverting the exaggerated news media assessment of the current internal power struggle heralded as the portent of another portentous, convulsive, destructive cultural revolution.

Still another instance has been his consistent insistence on trying to keep the interpretation of the Sino-American relationship from swinging from one extreme to the other. After the strictures levelled at the United States by the Tenth Party Congress as a superpower, bent on hegemony, many outside observers took this to mean a distinct cooling off of the "honeymoon" period of amity. But Mr. Holdridge properly maintained the distinction between actuality and propaganda.

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His forthrightness is one of his evident characteristics. I can imagine no circumstances under which he would deviate from an honest or courteous expression of his own convictions.

In conclusion, I would like to say that after many years of acquaintanceship with Foreign Service Officers, I know none more deserving than Mr. Holdridge to receive the Herter Award.

August 26, 1974

David K.E. Bruce
Chief
United States Liaison Office
Peking, People's Republic of China

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Tuesday, August 27, 1974

E. and I dined tonight with the Egyptian Ambassador; we were the guests of honor at a concourse of 24 people. This I find embarrassing since I have no regular official rank. The Ambassador, slightly exuberant with wine, made an eulogistic toast to which I responded. The children went to a Chinese ballet with Clare.

Wednesday, August 28, 1974

In the afternoon Maureen, Andrea, Michael and myself visited the Marco Polo bridge, a beautiful structure whose balustrade is studded with 150 or more stone lions all different in configuration.

Thursday, August 29, 1974

I called this morning on the sophisticated Ambassador of Ghana, Richard M. Akwei. His children have been frequent companions of the Curriers. His Oxford English is perfect, his conversation wide-ranging. Altogether an impressive individual.

The Curriers left tonight by train, a thirty-six hour trip to Canton which does not daunt them, on their way to Hong Kong. They will fly next week to Washington, before dispersing to their respective schools and colleges. We shall feel bereft without them. It has been a joyful visit for all of us. They have been untiring in visiting hospitals, street committees, communes, schools, historical places,

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riding bicycles, playing games. They are gregarious, with uncommonly good and pleasing manners. We have invited them back for Christmas.

Friday, August 30, 1974

Marvellous news, at least for me, on the BBC yesterday, Giscard d'Estaing has plumped for a rapid approach toward political unity in Europe, with a Chiefs of State meeting to be held this year. How accurate this report is remains to be determined. I suppose the United States will express sympathetic interest, whilst the British Government will view it with disapproval.

There was a great hurry-scurry yesterday evening when the Curriers departed for Canton.

Vinnie has a slight attack of flu, probably contracted from her sister who wheezed and coughed for several days.

Charles Lindbergh recently died at the age of 72. He was a fine man. I disapproved of his isolationist posture at the beginning of the last war, but it did represent his deep convictions; also he had correctly informed the sceptical or careless Western World of the strength of the German Air Force and its military system. During the War he is said to have flown combat missions.

I met him first in Paris the day of his arrival there on a spectacular solo flight from the United States. Ailsa

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and I went to dinner that night with our Ambassador, Myron Herrick. As I remember it, there were no other guests except one Frenchman, Agnes Herrick (the Ambassador's daughter-in-law and hostess), Charlie Blackwell (Agnes' brother), and Katie Blackwell. Lindbergh must have felt exhausted by his long, dangerous trip, but was cheerful, and communicative, though evidently shy.

When he awoke the following morning it was to find himself famous. He was lionized by the French; world adulation was unanimous. As he had brought no baggage with him, clothing was his most immediate problem. While still abed, the amiable maids in the Herrick establishment had cut his flying suit and other habilliments into strips as souvenirs.

Mr. Herrick adroitly steered the new hero through fantastic publicity pitfalls, official receptions, offers to purchase magazine and newspaper memoirs, and the other offspring of inventive entrepreneurs, so that the unassuming, modest young man never made a misstep.

After the Paris episode I did not see him again until we met as directors at Pan American Aviation Corporation sessions. When his son was kidnapped, and eventually killed, the public, and especially journalistic, photographic pressures on him, and his wonderful wife,

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Anne Morrow, must have been well nigh unbearable. To escape, they removed for a considerable period to France and England where they recaptured privacy. In fact, thereafter, Lindbergh was seldom viewed or interviewed; he was as averse to such proceedings as Greta Garbo was reputed to be.

When he visited countries where I was later posted as a diplomat, he never let me know in advance of his projected arrival, but always called on me for chats which were useful because of his exceptional talent for picking up and evaluating intelligence, both military and political. I admired and liked him; he was a person of great integrity, and also full of charm.

Saturday, August 31, 1974

At the office there was confabulation over preparations to handle the Congressional Delegation, due to arrive here Monday, September 2. Nancy and Brunson McKinley are to be their USLO escorts.

Lindbergh, the "Lone Eagle" was buried last Tuesday in Hawaii, where he resided. His terminal illness was cancer of the lymphatic system. The service included these words requested by him: "We commit the body of General Charles A. Lindbergh to its final resting place, but his spirit we commend to Almighty God, knowing that

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death is but a new adventure in existence and remembering how Jesus said upon the cross, 'Father into Thy hands I commend my Spirit'".

He was buried in a khaki shirt and dark cotton trousers, in a casket of eucalyptus wood constructed by cowboys from nearby ranches.

Sunday, September 1, 1974

Another day for tropical clothing. Talks at office. I had written last night a reply to HAK's message, to which I shall refer later in the week, about my replacement in Peking.

Congenial afternoon at the tailor's. They have finished a suit, described by E. as "pigeon-breast pink", of silk purchased at the Friendship Store.

Monday, September 2, 1974

At the office. This is Labor Day holiday in the U.S.

E. and I went out this afternoon to meet the Congressional delegation headed by Senator Fulbright (D., Ark.), with Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N.J.) as Deputy Leader. The others were Mrs. Beatrice Frelinghuysen; Representative Clement Zablocki (D., Wis.); Mrs. Blanche Zablocki; Senator Hiram Fong (R., Hawaii); Mrs. Ellyn Fong; Representative William Broomfield (R., Mich.); Mrs. Jane Broomfield; Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.); Mrs. Muriel Humphrey; Representative Bar[illegible]dan (D., Tex.);

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Mr. Max Friedersdorf, Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs; Mrs. Priscilla Friedersdorf; Mr. Richard Solomon, Senior Staff Member, National Security Council; Mr. Thomas Brooks (EA/PRCM, Department of State); Mr. Harvey Buffalo, Jr. (Special Assistant, Bureau of Administration, Department of State). Betty Fulbright has recently undergone a severa operation for cancer, so was unable to make this trip.

Tonight, after they had refreshed themselves at the Peking Hotel where they are lodged as guests of the Government, the men came to see me at the Residence. We had an hour's briefing, then, thoroughly fatigued by their long trip, they went early to bed. I found briefing a pleasant task; Messrs. Fulbright, Humphrey, and Frelinghuysen are old friends.

Tuesday, September 3, 1974

John Holdridge and I went to the New Zealand Embassy to sign the book of condolences on the death of Prime Minister Norman Kirk.

This afternoon, John and I had a long talk with Dick Solomon about the Washington viewpoint on Taiwan and Cambodia.

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Bob Blackburn brought his guests, the former Governor of Guam and former U.S. Senior Commissioner to the South Pacific Commission, Carlton Skinner, and his wife to the Residence for drinks.

At seven tonight E. and I were delivered at the Peking Hotel for a dinner in honor of our Congressional Delegation, offered by their host the Chinese People's Institute for Foreign Affairs.

Wednesday, September 4, 1974

E. had a lunch at the Residence today for wives of CODEL members, as well as some of the office ladies.

Tonight Ch'iao Kuan-hua was host to the CODEL (Congressional Delegation) at Guest House Number Three (the former Austro-Hungarian Legation). As usual Ch'iao made the session gay and informative. I sat between him and Chou Ch'iu-yeh, Vice President of the Chinese People's Institute for Foreign Affairs. The latter is a hearty eater but the nutritious effects are not noticeable for he is uncommonly spare in body. Ch'iao had spent some hours earlier in the afternoon with the CODEL. He stated emphatically that the PRC would not enter into any stipulation that it would not take Taiwan by force, if necessary. They want full diplomatic recognition by us but consider the Taiwanese problem thereafter will be an entirely internal affair.

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Thursday, September 5, 1974

The official announcement was made on the radio today of my impending replacement here by George Bush, of John Cooper's appointment to East Germany, and the nomination of Kenneth Rush as Ambassador to France. In my case, this is consonant with an interchange of messages between HAK and myself as follows:

"My dear David:

"The President and I have had several lengthy discussions on the past and future course of our relations with the PRC. During those talks the President has several times praised the superb job you have done for the country in Peking, and has asked me to express his admiration to you. In the course of our discussions I told the President of your desire to leave Peking, and of my success in persuading you to remain until February. You know how pleased I am that you made this sacrifice; I can assure you that the President is equally grateful.

"The President has now decided that he should speed up the transition in order to have it completed before Congress adjourns this fall. Thus, he has decided to announce a number of Ambassadorial changes sometime during the latter part of next week. Given your own earlier indications of a desire to leave Peking, the President has asked whether you would be prepared to agree that we include the nomination of your successor in that series of announcements. Should you agree, we would announce at that time that the President has decided to name George Bush as your successor (we would of course have to get agreement from the PRC, but that could be handled from here.)

"David, you have served with the selflessness and dedication to duty you have demonstrated throughout a lifetime of diplomacy and you have done it with a style and grace too seldom found in today's practitioners of the diplomatic art. You have been a tower of strength and wisdom to me personally, and I shall always be grateful for the sacrifices you have made in your country's behalf.

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"Please let us know your thinking on this proposal. The President has asked me to tell you that he hopes you will agree to accept another assignment. Needless to say, I shall be insistent on that point.

"Nancy joins me in wishing you and Vangie the very best.

"Warm regards. Henry A. Kissinger" (8/31/74)

"My dear Henry:

"I greatly appreciate the kind thoughts expressed by the President and your own warm personal message.

"I think it would undoubtedly be wise for the President to announce the naming of George Bush as my successor at the same time that he makes other diplomatic changes. The Chinese would, I believe, feel aggrieved if representation to them was not provided for at the same time as other shifts were taking place in important posts.

"I am happy that George Bush will take over the Peking office. It is an admirable appointment for which he is eminently qualified. His experience and prestige will be everywhere recognized.

"I should like to make the following suggestions.

"As far as Vangie and myself are concerned the time of our departure is inconsequential. No question whatever of personal convenience is involved. We both feel privileged to have had what has been an unusual opportunity in modern diplomacy to participate in this fascinating unfolding of a social and political system unique in history. We will always be grateful to you for this.

"I believe however it would be a mistake after the announcement is made for me to linger on here any longer than seems expedient. I realize that because of George's present duties and obligations it may not be practicable for him to adapt his schedule to what I propose. If it were possible to do so I think that as soon as feasible after the Congressional elections he should be sworn in as Chief of USLO.

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"Since there is no requirement for Congressional approval nor for the presentation of credentials to the PRC, once he has assumed office there are certain activities in which it might be advisable for him to engage.

"If the proposed meeting of American Ambassadors convenes in Hong Kong the latter part of November and he could attend it that would afford him a desirable chance to meet our Chiefs of Mission in this region.

"Moreover it would be a tremendous advantage for him to be here at least for a short time before you come to China toward the end of this year or early next year. To be present during your discussions with top Chinese officials would in my opinion provide the most valuable background imaginable for his future operations. It certainly was true in my case.

"If there is merit in these suggestions and if there are no impediments to their acceptance I would further propose that my resignation be made effective as of November First 1974 or earlier if the President and you deemed that preferable. This would avoid the inevitable criticism of the foreign and governmental world against a lame duck situation, and it would be considered more normal by the Chinese and other foreign governments than a prolongation of my tenure.

"In that event the extraordinarily competent John Holdridge would assure the continuity of our policies.

"Vangie joins me in warmest regards to Nancy and you.

David Bruce" (9/1/74)

Being here has been a wonderful experience for us, but I think this replacement by Bush is a wise move for all concerned. I was fond of his Father, formerly a U.S. Senator from Connecticut, a fine man with whom I was closely associated when we both worked in the private banking firm of W.A. Harriman and Co. in New York. George

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made a fortune in oil business in Texas, was a two-term Congressman from that State, as well as an unsuccessful candidate for the U.S. Senate. He has also been our Ambassador to the United Nations, and now is Chairman of the Republican National Committee. On the few occasions I have met him I thought him exceptionally attractive. He is about fifty, has a wife and five children. I shall send him today a telegram of warm congratulations.

Tonight CODEL gave a return banquet at the Ch'eng Tu Restaurant. The menu, as translated into English, was:

Eight cold hors d'oeuvre dishes
Braised shark's fin in brown sauce
Stewed duck in yellow wine
Bamboo shoots soup
Fried prawns in brown sauce
Braised abalone with mushrooms
Chick in brewer's grain
Fish in hot and gingery sauce
Cold preserved peaches
White gourd soup with ham slices
Two courses of dessert

Friday, September 6, 1974

Yesterday CODEL had a seance with Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. In the course of it I thought his mention of Chou En-lai being more gravely ill than he was at the time of Senator Jackson's visit was indiscreet, even though the conversation was by agreement off the record. Teng was probably unaware of the dangers of Congressional garrulity. Last night, Mrs. Jordan during a conversation with a constituent in Houston, Texas, mentioned Teng's

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reference to Chou's health; Hubert Humphrey, no Trappist, related similar information to the Mutual Broadcasting Company. Today, our office has been deluged by telephone calls from news media sources in Hong Kong and elsewhere, seeking further leaks on this subject. I suspect that by nightfall the Prime Minister's death within a short time will be predicted.

In fact, we do not know if Chou is in hospital or not, or how serious are his ailments.

The morning's wireless file from Hong Kong included this gay item: "In Nevada a brothel Madam, Beverly Harrel, led a field of candidates for a Nevada legislative seat. She campaigned on a platform of venereal disease education for teenagers."

Codellers are absent from Peking, engaged, in sunny weather, in the gruelling, compulsory tour of the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs. They will return in time for a reception we are giving this evening in their honor; we expect it to be attended by more than a hundred people, including most of our own complement, all of whom have been invited.

Tonight, E. and I went to the railroad station to bid good-bye to the CODEL members who will be accompanied by Nancy and Brunson McKinley on a ten day whirl through the provinces before embarking on a White House Leviathan jet at Shanghai, headed for Washington.

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Saturday, September 7, 1974

Edward Youde, who has succeeded John Addis as British Ambassador, called on me this morning. A Sinologue, with much previous experience here, he has a lively, penetrating mind, is easy in discourse, open in disclosure. The son of a coal miner, I should suppose him to be of Welch or Cornish origin. His wife is said to be fluent both in Chinese and Japanese. We speculated freely -- a favorite topic in Peking -- over what will happen in China when the Chairman and Chou En-lai are withdrawn from the scene.

Sunday, September 8, 1974

Clare Hollingworth came to lunch. This indefatigable searcher after intelligence made picturesque observations, but had nothing sensational to report. E. and I are much attached to her.

Monday, September 9, 1974

Bryce Harland came to see me this morning. Norman Kirk's death will not, he believes, for the present at least change the amiable relationship between New Zealand and the PRC. We discussed Cambodia at length trying to devise some practicable scheme for bringing the warring factions there to the conference table. Time presses on, casualties continue, the Khmer Rouge and Sihanouk refuse to accept the Phnom Penh Government's proposal to enter into negotiations.

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values is the sign of the perpetual adolescent. The sign of maturity, on the other hand, is a prudential management of one's values in a world that permits no one's values to be fully achieved. No great power -- not the United States, not Russia, not China -- can have a foreign policy that fits neatly into an ideological Weltanschauung. This has always been true, and in an age of nuclear armaments it is an absolute and overriding truth."

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Tuesday, September 10, 1974

The Ambassador of Sierra Leone, R.E.K. Taylor-Smith, made a farewell call on me this morning. He is leaving his post in China next Sunday. His English is perfection, his nature gay, his teeth magnificent, but a man more pleased at laying down a burden I have seldom met. Like most of his African colleagues, he finds life here uninspiring, though comfortable. I think he hankers after a wider field of entertainment.

Had a haircut (a thirty cent crop, skilfully done).

Wednesday, September 11, 1974

E. had a lunch at home today for Mardi Holdridge, her houseguest, Mrs. Betty Forsgate, and several younger ladies. My presence was suffered, and I much enjoyed being with the companionable group.

Afterwards, it being a half-day at the office (next week we revert to more conventional hours), I went with Maureen Molinari to the Friendship Store, bought a bolt of cloth, also one of silk, before proceeding to the tailor shop which always pleases me. The numerous employees there are invariably indulgent of me. There is much handshaking, nods, becks, and wreathed smiles. They are painstaking fitters; if one of their productions does not come up to their exacting standards, they disembowel it without hesitation

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before beginning anew. They sometimes find my tastes amusing. I ordered today a dinner coat and trousers, the coat to be lined with black silk on which there are scarlet roundels with Chinese characters signifying long life and happiness. In depressed Georgetown circles it may be viewed askance.

Tonight we had a dinner at the Residence for Ambassador of Sweden and Mrs. Bjornberg, Ambassador of France and Madame Manac'h, Ambassador of Norway Per Ravne, Clare Hollingworth (Daily and Sunday Telegraph), Jonathan Sharp (Reuters), Ambassador of Switzerland and Madame Natural, Miss Margaret Jones (Sydney Morning Herald).

Clare told me that the wife of the Nigerian Chief of State Gowon informed her she had met Chou's wife, who had said tearfully that Chou had suffered a second heart attack, was seriously ill, and would be incapable of performing sustained work. This is sad news. It corroborates what has been widely rumored lately.

Thursday, September 12, 1974

A stunning pre-breakfast blow this morning. Lucille brought over the attached EYES ONLY telegram from HAK. E. and I shall have to ponder over it lengthily. Retirement had seemed within my grasp; we have already asked the Trees if we could take their Pink Cottage at Barbados again this winter, and were longing for a favorable answer.

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"EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM THE SECRETARY

"Dear David:

"As you will have seen, the British have failed in their efforts to bring about a Greek-Turkish resolution of the Cyprus crisis. The differences remain deep, and the potential for renewed conflict great.

"As a result of some diplomatic initiatives I now have underway, we may be able to persuade the Greeks and Turks to return to the negotiating table in Geneva, where they would again, under ostensible British auspices, seek a compromise settlement. Should we succeed in getting a return to Genera, we will need a U.S. observer to keep an eye on the negotiations, to keep us informed of the progress of the talks, and to guide the participating parties.

"I cannot emphasize enough how important a successful outcome to these negotiations is for us, both in terms of our bilateral relationships with both Greece and Turkey and our whole posture in the Eastern Mediterranean. Thus, our representative will have to be someone in whom the President and I have absolute confidence; someone we can count on to play a leading role without appearing to do so. You, David, are the natural candidate. Consequently, I have already taken the liberty of suggesting to Prime Minister Karamanlis that should negotiations resume, I might ask you to represent the United States. While I have made no commitment -- and would, of course, make none without your consent -- I did want Karamanlis to understand how profound was the U.S. interest in getting a resumption of negotiations and how serious the role we would be prepared to play in them. I mentioned your name as a earnest of that intent.

"I ask now, somewhat tardily I admit, that you give serious consideration to my request that you represent the USG at any such talks. No one could do it better; in fact, no one could do it half so well.

"I would be deeply grateful should you agree to take on this new task. In the event that you are willing to do so, it might be necessary for me to ask you to return from Peking somewhat in advance of the November 1 date that you and I have agreed upon. I recognize that this would be awkward for you and will do my best to accommodate to your needs. I do, however, ask that you give this proposal serious and positive consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon.

"With warm regards, Henry Kissinger." (9/11/74)

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Lucille and Mrs. Autumn Ryan (Bob Blackburn's guest) lunched with us today. Mrs. Ryan had previously worked twice in China; once with UN RA doing relief work, and later with ECA. She is an indomitable old soul; she purposes to travel home on the Trans-Siberian Express. She has a daughter who is a USIA officer, and a son who is a Congressman from California, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

We are swamped with invitations from kindly people for farewell parties. We propose to have two receptions, one for our office associates, the other for the Diplomatic Corps, journalists, friends.

I called this morning on the Mexican Ambassador, Eugenio Anguiano. He is in his early thirties, personable, intelligent, reflective. I found his conversation most agreeable.

Friday, September 13, 1974

Have set about preparing an answer to HAK, which I should send tomorrow. Am destroying files, a tedious task, with packing personal belongings looming in the offing.

Went in the late afternoon to the zoo to say good-bye to the pandas. These roly-poly animals looked sleek, sleepy and contented.

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Saturday, September 14, 1974

It would be difficult to surpass this side of Heaven the glory of September Peking weather. Even if it rains the downpours are usually at night. During the day it is shirtsleeve climate but not humid or depressing.

After a spell at the office we lunched with the amiable Groothaerts (Belgian Ambassador). The New Zealand Harlands, Elizabeth Wright (British Embassy), her fiance (Austrian Embassy), and the famous Han Su Yin were there. I was most interested in meeting Han Su Yin, an Eurasian, half Belgian, half Chinese. She is a power in the literary and political world, now engaged in writing a second volume on Chairman Mao whom she deifies. Her novel on her many splendored romance with the son of Morrison of Peking is a lively tale; her writing, like her conversation, is highly charged with vitality, as are some of her [redacted]l views with prejudice. She is certainly a les[redacted] female than she was once reputed to be, but sh[redacted]fternoon glow of significant personality. I tho[redacted]ound on the merits of preserving the agricultural basis of Chinese polity, but unrealistic about her friend Prince Sihanouk and Cambodia, as well as throughly impractical in her views [redacted] how the United States might solve the problem of bringing [redacted]ut peace in that disturbed area.

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She is said to have the attentive ear of several leaders here, and is mistress of the art of interrogation. I would guess her to be feline, tough, dangerous, and attractive.

Tonight, Clare Hollingworth dined with us, a Spartan meal of gin, tonic, and hard-boiled eggs. We shall miss her greatly when we leave Peking. She is an exceptionally gifted journalist, and a friend of quality. She ought to write her autobiography, for her life has been studded with adventure. Her deadpan descriptions of experiences as a military reporter enthral me. Speaking of an occasion when she found herself enfiladed by Arab and Israeli fire, she observed: "I was very tired, there was no place to which I could safely retreat, so I made myself as small as possible in the lee of a boulder and went to sleep, while the two sides machine-gunned each other." I am convinced there was no hyperbole there and she did exactly that.

Sunday, September 15, 1974

Lucille has efficiently marshalled our office files. A few items have been kept, the rest ruthlessly destroyed. I am completing the same process tomorrow with my personal papers.

Attached is a copy of my answer to HAK which was sent yesterday.

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"EYES ONLY FOR THE SECRETARY FROM DAVID BRUCE

"1. I greatly appreciate your message, and your expression of confidence.

"2. In principle I am tentatively prepared and glad to accept this assignment if it materializes. I do, however, have some difficult personal commitments that I can settle, but only after I impose on you for a brief discussion of probable time schedules, though I realize you cannot be definite in that respect about such a fluid situation.

"3. Therefore, I suggest that I plan to leave here with the expectation of reaching Washington not later than September 30. I could then meet you in Washington, New York, or wherever you designate.

"4. I assume you know that except for reading newspaper reports I am uninformed on the Cyprus imbroglio. If it is decided that I will be designated for such representation, I would be prepared to start immediately after my return to Washington to engage in any appropriate studies or travel.

"5. There will be no difficulty over my leaving here within the next couple of weeks, since we will have made all necessary farewells. But it would be advisable if I could say my original plans had changed somewhat because I had been called home for immediate consultation. If you agree perhaps your office could arrange to send orders urgently to that effect providing for departure any date after September 24. Vangie would remain two weeks longer to finish arrangements regarding packing, etc.

"6. If the above is satisfactory to you, I look forward eagerly to seeing you around the end of this month.

Warm regards. Bruce" (9/14/74)

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Monday, September 16, 1974

Our summer schedule has been abolished, so the dillory dollary ten o'clock scholar will now be out of the office at twelve-thirty for lunch. The adjusted hours for a forty-hour working week were decided upon after our personnel was polled.

The Chinese Government officials have assented to our request to visit Kweilin, a coveted journey, from September 27-30. We are invited to be State guests with the Director of American and Oceanian affairs, Lin P'ing, as our escort. No doubt this means a succession of banquets. Also, it was generously proposed that we should continue to Sian or elsewhere if we so desired. The latter is impossible for me since I am taking an Air France plane from Peking on September 25.

Brunson, lunching with us, discoursed entertainingly on his ten-day trip with the CODEL.

Tonight, Jean and John Small had a dinner in joint honor of Ambassador Youde and ourselves. Present were the Iranian Ambassador, French Ambassador and Mme. Manac'h, the Belgians, Tanzanians, Lebanese, Australians, Yugoslavs, Algerians (she beautiful), the German, Ceylonese, Japanese, and other Chiefs of Mission with or without consorts. The

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Department had advised me recently that there would be no objection to my meeting the Algerian Ambassador, although we have no formal diplomatic relations with his Government. I had a long preprandial conversation in French with him, during which he dealt with the Cambodian problem. This accomplished, well-regarded man is highly regarded in the Diplomatic Corps and by the PRC Government. I hope some of my suggestions to him bear fruit -- it is known he is eager to try to bring about a solution.

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Tuesday, September 17, 1974

Abbas Aram, the Iranian Ambassador, came to see me this morning. He gave me as a parting present a beautiful book on Persian miniatures. I value the friendship of this wise, sensitive man.

This evening we had a final reception at the Embassy for our USLO contingent, Americans and Chinese. I thought it a joyous occasion, with undertones of sadness for E. and me over the prospect of leaving these admirable people.

Wednesday, September 18, 1974

The Uganda Ambassador called on me this morning with messages from our friend, his Foreign Minister, formerly known as Princess Elizabeth of Toro, a beautiful, talented woman. She is to be at the U.N. General Assembly meeting, and will see us in Washington.

Tonight, we hosted a farewell reception at the Embassy for the Diplomatic Corps and Chinese officials. We had invited 254 guests; some additional ones arrived. Also, there were about forty miscellaneous Chinese drivers and workers whom we entertained at the office building.

Ch'iao Kuan-hua was the ranking Chinese. We drank a lot of Mao-tai together, and had a frank conversation. He was flattering about my conduct here -- undeserved but always pleasant to hear. I thought it a splendid party;

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champagne and other drinks were in full flood, the buffet the best we have had.

Thursday, September 19, 1974

Ch'iao Kuan-hua gave a farewell banquet for us tonight at Guest House 42, once the American Legation. He and his adorable wife presided. They had invited most of the officers of our Mission and their spouses with an equal number of Chinese. He leaves next week for New York to head the Chinese delegation at the U.N.

Ch'iao is an extraordinarily companionable, sophisticated, gifted man. I suspect he was responsible for arranging for us to leave tomorrow on a trip to Kweilin as guests of the Chinese Government, and take with us anyone we wished. Lin P'ing was to be our escort; it would be a four day trip. This was a most generous invitation; I was forced at the last moment to cancel our enthusiastic acceptance for I am still far from completing my last minute obligations here. They had also suggested we go on to Sian, and travel around for about ten days as their guests.

E. had several times asked for permission to visit the old American compound. With great delicacy, Ch'iao gave his party there, and arranged before the banquet for us to visit the house she had lived in as a child with her parents. Her Father was Charge d'Affaires, and

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died in it when he was forty-one.

Ch'iao told me he hoped E. and I would return some day to China, and take a long, unofficial tour around the country. He said we would be free to travel almost anywhere, and without any supervision.

Altogether, it was a delightful evening.

Friday, September 20, 1974

Lucille lunched with us. I continued to destroy papers at the office and the house, and packed late into the evening.

The weather remains magnificent.

Saturday, September 21, 1974

It is fortunate we did not leave yesterday on a Kweilin trip. A guided missile from Washington reached here this morning. It conveyed this totally unforeseen message:

"FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM THE SECRETARY

"Dear David: I wanted you to know in advance that the President has decided to appoint Don Rumsfeld to replace Al Haig as his Chief of Staff. This will leave the NATO job open. I have strongly recommended, and the President has eagerly agreed, that you would be by far the best man to replace Don at NATO. The President would also give you the additional title of Special Representative to all the European Community, thus giving you supervisory responsibilities over all our Ambassadors to the European Community. Obviously, this latter position will require some further elaboration and definition which I would want to discuss fully with you.

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"Our relations with Europe as you know are more important now than ever; representing the U.S. to the Europeans is a crucial task. I know this will be a difficult decision for you -- and for Vangie. The responsibilities and the demands will be awesome. But the President and I know that you are the man for this and we very much hope you will accept. If you do, the President would like to announce it next week.

"Please let me know your thoughts on this proposal through this channel. I do hope you will agree.

"My very best regards to you and Vangie. Henry Kissinger"

Needless to say, an answer should be made only after much cogitation. E. and I shall discuss it tonight and I shall draw up a reply tomorrow. Meanwhile, I persevere in [illegible]ng.

Sunday, September 22, 1974

At the office this morning.

I drew up a reply to HAK, and wrote a farewell message for distribution, after my departure, to members of the Mission.

These papers were as follows:

"EYES ONLY FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM DAVID BRUCE

"1. I feel deeply honored by proposal from President and yourself.

"2. I gladly accept. Vangie is in entire accord. NATO and the European Community have long been as respects our foreign policy the subjects in which I am most interested.

"3. I shall see you at your convenience on or after September thirtieth. I hope it will not be necessary, although my acceptance is unconditional, for me to assume full responsibility of position before December.

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"4. I shall advance date of my resignation to meet George Bush's plans.

"Warm regards. David"

Message to the Staff

"I leave here with profound regret over severing my official connection with the members of the Liaison Office. I can unreservedly state that I have never had an association so satisfactory. Your esprit de corps, your subordination of personal concerns to the exigencies of your responsibilities constitute, in my opinion, an almost unique example of how the duties of public service should be effectively carried out.

"You have accomplished, in a comparitively short period of time, with a contingent limited in numbers, through your expert and unflagging efforts, tasks that seemed almost insurmountable.

"As a personal reflection, my wife and I are deeply indebted to all of you for the consideration, courtesy, and cooperation you have extended to us.

"We say farewell with an abiding sense of gratitude and affection for you."

Went to see Toby and Dorothy Tafel this afternoon. They are rarely intelligent. They have some beautiful art objects. His German father was a notable Thibetan explorer, as well as a geographer, and had a spectacular career during the First World War as a partisan leader in the Middle East against the British.

Clare Hollingworth dined with us tonight.

Monday, September 23, 1974

I am harassed by many last minute details, including such things as writing a letter of thanks to the Ceylonese Ambassador for a gift of tea.

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Tonight, the British Ambassador, the Australian Ambassador and Gay Fitzgerald, Clare Hollingworth, the Holdridges dined with us. The feature was a magnum of Lafite Rothschild 1967.

Tuesday, September 24, 1974

Called on Etienne Manach, the French Ambassador, this morning. I like this Breton, with a subtle mind and logical conversational eloquence. He has just received the coveted honor of being named "Ambassadeur de France."

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Monday, May 9, 1949.

My nomination as Ambassador to France was taken under consideration this morning by the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, approved, sent to the Senate this afternoon and unanimously passed there. I did not have to appear before the Committee which may account for the unanimity.

We dined at Mott Belin's, with Pauline Davis, the Norman Armours, the Arthur Lanes, the Ray Coxes, and the Snowden Fahnstocks.

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Tuesday, May 10,1949.

Conferences at Secretary Acheson's office in preparation for the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers at Paris on May 23rd. The question of tactics in relation to the presentation of the United States viewpoint was thoroughly and exhaustively discussed. Messrs. Acheson, Philip Jessup, George Kennan, Chip Bohlen, Bob Murphy, Jake Beam and others were present.

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Wednesday, May 11,1949.

I was sworn in this afternoon by Stanley Woodward in a room full of photographers.

Dined to-night at Walter Lippman's - about thirty people [redacted] pleadant conversation.

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Thursday, May 12, 1949.

Saw Colonel McCloskey this morning who is going to be Air Attaché at the Paris Embassy. He seems an attractive, enterprising man.

Went to call on President Truman at noon. He was extremely cordial. I had only met him once before, and was very impressed by his lively personality and affability. I expressed my appreciation of the opportunity he had afforded me, and my hope that I would justify his confidence.

His office, in one wing of the White House, was, I thought, lovely - almost oval, with a view from his desk through long windows onto the garden.

We had almost no conversation about France, except in connection with a portrait of Benjamin Franklin by Duplessis, [redacted] presented to the White House by General de Gaulle. The President said that he considered Benjamin Franklin the most interesting of all American public men, and an even more sympathetic character than Thomas

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Jefferson, whom he greatly admired.

The President said [redacted] he was particularly concerned with the appointments of Ambassadors and of Federal Judges, and [redacted] intended to try to select the best possible men. He added with a laugh that if they were Democrats and loyal to him, it would be so much the better.

He expressed a [redacted] high opinion of Dean Acheson, and commented that he believed [redacted] he had a [redacted] strong cabinet; at least, he said, its members worked harmoniously together, which had not been the case with the Cabinet he [redacted] inherited upon coming into office.

We had masses of people in this evening to say goodbye, and got to bed at 1.30 a.m..

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Friday, May 13, 1949.

Left betimes at 6.15. It was [redacted] affecting to part from dear old Virginia who, I am sure, never expects to see us again. We took the 8 o'clock [redacted] train to New York and lunched at the Colony Restaurant. I stopped at the Brook Club, and found most of the members [redacted] in the big room would be coming to Paris this summer.

We boarded the TWA Constellation at 6 p.m. [redacted]. It was a sleeper plane and [redacted] comfortable. Dinner was preceded by cocktails, and enlivened by Red Bordeaux and Champagne. We stopped after four hours at Gander in Newfoundland to refuel, and had an opportunity in the waiting room to chat with Ray Dickey, Bobby Lehman and our fellow passengers. David Selznick, [redacted]

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Saturday, May 14, 1949

We arrived in Paris about 13 hours after leaving New York.

A considerable number of people were waiting for us. The inevitable photographers and newspaper correspondents, representatives of the Foreign Office, our Embassy, ECA and friends, including Virginia and Ashley. A fine lot of policemen formed a guard of honor and we whizzed with a motorcycle escort to avenue d'Iéna. For the first, and no doubt for the last, time in my life we passed quickly down the rue Lafayette, where the congestion ordinarily makes traffic so slow. The Embassy flag fluttered bravely atop a fender, and I think the bystanders were somewhat baffled by the lone, funereal old Cadillac car, surrounded by helmeted police, speeding with unknown occupants to an unknown destination.

It was such fun to reach the Embassy, and look over the house. Having searched so long, and on the whole vainly,

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for a place to live in Paris, while I was in ECA, the prospect of settling in with the U.S. Government as landlord was beguiling. The house, once the residence of President Grévy who built it about 1885, was bought personally by Mr. Herrick when he was Ambassador, and later turned over by him to the Government at the moderate price of $150,000. which he had paid for it. It is a large, typically French, rich, bourgeois dwelling of the late 19th century with a small but attractive garden. On the ground floor, it is well disposed for large receptions and dinners. Upstairs, the bedrooms are rather appalling, and not nearly as attractive or as well furnished, as those in most good Paris homes. However, it is a joy to be here.

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Sunday, May 15,1949.

Up late, arranged furniture and prints. Many telephone calls. The servants, fourteen strong, were left here by the Cafferys and two are to follow them to Egypt. The housekeeper, Miss DeWavrin, seems a gem, and one [redacted] we hope will continue to glitter. The chef, Robert, was for years with the Norman Armours who recommend him [redacted] highly, but he too is apparently Cairo bound. However, while waiting, he will be content to rattle his burnished copper pans under the admiring eyes of the two kitchen boys.

Brucie and Carlos have quickly adapted themselves to their new location, and the valets de pied do their utmost to spoil them.

This afternoon, Harold Callender of the New York Times came to see me to try to extract some inside information about the Conference. There was no blood in the turnip. He was in the confidence of Mr. Caffery and is an intelligent, [redacted], inquiring reporter, rather like a truffle hound.

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To-night Martha and Nelson Slater, and Virginia and Ambrose Chambers, dined with us.

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Monday, May 16, 1949.

The first day in my new office. I stopped on the way to say Hello to the ECA staff in the Annex, and it was wonderful to see them all again. The French personnel of the ECA French Mission had presented us, on arrival, with a superb and beautiful Lowestoft bowl. Thence to make a brief address of welcome to the various officers of our Consulates in France, who were holding their first Conference together in Paris since 1935. I told them how anxious I was to visit each of their posts as soon as practicable. From there I went to a Press Conference, where the correspondents, American, French and British, listened politely to my stereotyped remarks. There were quite a few old friends among them: Bill Stoneman of the Chicago Daily News, Harold Callender, René McColl, Geoffrey Parsons and others. There was a battery of cameras, sound film, etc. and I had to repeat my comments for the radio in English and in French.

Later in the morning, Henry Luce and Allan Grover, of Time, Life and Fortune, came to see me and we had a long

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talk about the Western European economic situation and the eventual possibilities of an extensive political and economic federation. I believe [redacted] the Benelux and Franco-Italian Customs Union represent the sort of necessary first steps which should be taken. Later there must be currency stabilization. Luce was inquisitive over the differences between the British and the French regarding trade/[redacted]inter-changes. The truth is [redacted] the British must make a difficult and chancy choice - whether to remain rather aloof in their Empire castle, or to throw in their lot with the Continental countries. Without their wholehearted cooperation, the Continent simply cannot attain its desired "viability". The French have worked themselves up into a lather of indignation over what they consider British isolationism (expressing itself chiefly in a refusal to buy large amounts of French luxury goods, such as perfumes, wines and gowns). They are by temperament unsympathetic to the British austerity program, which by a strange process of reasoning they attribute to perfidious Albionism.

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The British, in turn, are contemptuous of the lack of discipline and of political unity in France, which they conceive - quite properly - made, last year, the task of European rehabilitation more difficult than it need have been.

Luce is a queer duck. He gives the impression that he soaks up what one is saying without becoming mentally wetted by it. His youthful missionary background and his later enormous influence and affluence, combined with other factors, have complicated his personality. He appears driven by ambition and fanaticism to extremes of judgment, where a decision must be entirely black or white, which obviously does not take into account the compromises [redacted] frail human nature imposes on the most rational of men.

This afternoon a series of meetings with Phil Jessup, Horace Reed and others, before going at 5:30 to introduce Bill Tyler to an audience of members of the Centre d'Etudes Superieures de Banque at the Ecole des Sciences Politiques. His subject was "The American Conception of

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Aid to Europe", and he treated it, to his enthusiastic listeners, in his flawless and eloquent French.

Afterwards we had cakes and champagne, before I left to see Maurice Petsche at the Ministry of Finance. He is having his usual difficulties over the public finances, and is confronting them with his usual courage. It is encouraging to see this rich hedonist, his health gravely impaired by a variety of ailments, battling with skill and devotion, regardless of the consequences upon his own political fortunes, in favor of measures of sacrifice directed chiefly against the classes of people with whom he has personally been most closely associated. The increased expenses of the unsatisfactory war in Indochina, the deficit in the nationalized railways, the determination of prices for wheat and gasoline, - these are all subjects of a deeply controversial nature that might, when debated in the National Assembly, readily precipitate a cabinet crisis.

Dinner at home with the Jessups, Averell, Chip Bohlen and Marie Louise Bousquet.

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Tuesday, May 17, 1949.

Phil Jessup's meeting in the morning. I, like the Tar baby, listening intently and saying nothing - actually understanding [redacted] little.

At noon, I presented my credentials to the President of the Republic. M. Dumaine, Chief of Protocol at the Foreign Office, called for me at the residence. With some straining of buttons I had inserted myself into a cutaway coat, constructed in 1929, and last worn at a schoolmate's wedding. But my most unmodish article of apparel was a silk hat. True, it bore the authentic sign manual of Scott of Piccadilly, but its crown was little inferior in height to that of Lincoln's famous stovepipes. M. Dumaine, on the contrary, carried, rather than wore, a modern streamlined job, fitted for rough usage in short-coupled, uncommodious cars. On entering the court of the Elysée Palace, followed by other automobiles bearing the Military, Air and Naval Attachés of the American Embassy, we found ourselves flanked

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by a detachment of the Garde Republicaine complete with small band. This last blew, piped, and drummed a series of flourishes. Entered into the palace proper on the stroke of twelve, we encountered a delay. M. Schuman, who had returned only this morning from Metz was struggling somewhere into his party clothes, and meanwhile President Auriol could not receive the new emissary. Finally, the Foreign Minister hurried in, and I pressed hard on his heels. M. Auriol, in a low, confidential tone assured me of his pleasure in receiving me, touched upon the amicable relations existing between the two countries, paused for a moment while I shook hands with M. Schuman, [redacted] then cast me out upon the terrace to confront with him a serried rank of photographers. That was all - no champagne or cakes. The return was everything in reverse. More flourishes of trumpets and back to the house to change clothes, and lunch with Evangeline, Averell and Harriet and Winthrop Aldrich.

This afternoon I saw Cy Sulzberger, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Driver, (he is a lawyer for the Bethlehem Steel

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Company, intent on developing iron ore deposits in Conokry and Mauretania), Bert Jolis with many designs for skullduggery, and finally Mr. Fleet and Dame. Mr. Fleet, formerly head of the Consolidated Aircraft Company, after making sure all doors were closed and no eavesdroppers detectible, offered his services through me to Secretary Acheson to go to Russia and make known [redacted], if it should seem desirable to the Secretary of State, the real McCoy about the B-36, which Mr. Fleet said he had invented. Such a disclosure of terrific power would, he believed, so alarm the Russians that they would coo like doves at the forthcoming conference.

Bill Donovan came to dinner with news of nations in his talk. As full of life and warmth as ever. At nine we went to open an exhibition of Mrs. Brandwen's paintings. I thought them pretty grim, but her husband was a great friend of the late Sidney Hillman, which carries more weight in government circles than talent with the brush.

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I started off by talking to the attractive young Lieutenant Breckenridge of the Marines about my desire to discontinue the sentry outside my office door and at the residence, as well as to strip the Marines on duty at the Embassy of their bright blue uniforms, with red trouser stripes, and reclothe them in more sombre [redacted]. I hated to open these subjects, but the presence of the sentries and the dress of the Marine Detachment has been so long and bitterly criticized that it seemed best to grasp the nettle. Breckenridge yielded gracefully, but even his perfect manners could not conceal his natural disinclination to have his twenty odd sergeants and two corporals - all picked men - reduced to drab habilliments. His troop is quartered at the Hotel Continental, where a life in common is, in his opinion, likely in time to cause youthful blood to course in riotous fashion, and possibly progoke incidents unworthy of the corps. He proposes shortly to flush them out of

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this comfortable thicket, and allow them to disperse like quail wherever they choose to end their flight.

Jessup's meeting as usual. The Americans, British and French are concerting their measures in a complete and, be it said, an unaccustomed harmony. Then Major Easley, followed by Jack Straus, the son of our former Ambassador, Jesse Straus. He asked to see where the portrait of his father hung. To my horror, it was disclosed to lie in a locked closet, a jowl with mops and pails. Geordie Sutherland, the balding Duke, dropped by to shake my hand, and invited us to visit him at his many English and Scottish country seats.

Lunch at the British Embassy with Ashley, Chip, Jessup, Parodi, Couve de Murville, Alphand, Sir None Kirkpatrick, Dean and the Ambassador. Sir Oliver Harvey was, as always, most cordial. I to-day directed a letter to him and sent out others by the score, formally notifying him and the other characters in the Diplomatic Corps of my appointment, and requesting them to name dates for meeting with each of them

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in turn. The Ambassadors are taken in series, beginning with the Doyen who is the Papal Nuncio. The Ministers are fobbed off with a few polite written phrases and do not receive - the lucky ones - a following call. The notices to the Soviet and Satellite representatives are polite but chilly, an exception being made for Finland which is considered a brand to be plucked, perhaps, from the burning. A half hour seems to be the minimum required to pay one's respects, then the visited becomes at a distant date the visitor. All of this would appear to require some sixty to seventy man hours of conversation, and much epistolary exercise. Evangeline meanwhile must pursue a similar course with the wives. At the end of all this we will be considered purified. Meanwhile, a steady riverlet of visiting cards flows into the residence, and our own are promptly bounced back, always by hand, thus assisting full employment.

I went to a meeting of the Consular staff and afterwards had a talk with Tom McKittrick on my pet

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scheme (largely conceived by Bert Jolis) of the development, with participation by American capital, of the French overseas possessions. Winthrop and Tom are taking the affair in hand from the American side, and promise that what man can do they will accomplish.

I had a chat with Mr. Hrones of the Embassy about possible wine purchases, and said goodbye to Major John Wood, of the Military Attaché's office, late of OSS, who is being transferred to Fort Sill, where he will find more artillery but less pleasure.

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Thursday, May 19,1949.

Jessup meeting. Bernard Steele and sub-rosa activities, Tommy Corcoran, an Irish charmer in the Legal Racket, to plead the vexed cause of his client, Madame Dupuy, and to ask for help in the restitution to her of her newspaper property. This case has been hanging fire for [redacted] years, but Tommy is determined to bring it to a favorable conclusion.

Sixteen consuls, vice-consuls and representatives of the Department in Washington came to lunch. It was reported afterwards that, although not displeased with the other entertainment, the most appreciated feature of it had been the sight of the Ambassador making and shaking Martini cocktails.

Saw Callender, still athirst for news of Conference intentions. June Dunderdale, who has been stricken anew by the Blind Bow Boy, Richard Ammerman, former OSS, to deliver a secret and sealed document revealing the present whereabouts of former workers for the Gestapo, Woodie

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Wallner on Embassy business, ditto for Jamie Bonbright; Howard Railey the Civil Air Attaché, with General Harris of Overseas Airways in tow; Wayne Taylor and General Peckham to tell me sad tales of graves and registrations. At 6.30 we gave a cocktail party for the ECA Mission and the last of the 150 or 175 guests departed about nine o'clock, a few of them a bit inebriated. Below stairs, a similar gaiety seems to have reigned. One of the kitchen boys, parched by the heat of his stove, ventured into a refrigerator where he discovered a bottle of gin. He tossed off a half or more of it, and was later discovered asleep in a bath where he had evidently lain for three hours. He escaped drowning, but was cashiered by the vigilant Miss DeWavrin, who had long suspected him of being a toper.

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Jessup, John Brown, Charlie Grey. At 10.30, accompanied by the Service Attachés , I repaired to the Place du Carrousel, there to attend an open air service in memory of La Fayette. A moderate rain somewhat dis-tempered the celebration, but we deposited wreaths of flowers, received troops, stood at attention, listened to a little bugle play, and retired in good order to that portion of the Hotel St. James and Albany which was once the Hotel de Noailles, and the scene of LaFayette's marriage to the daughter of that house. I met all, I believe, of the lineal, and many of the collateral descendants, of the Marquis. They spoke and I responded, not once, but, for the benefit of the microphone, again and again. Rain without and champagne within. We parted with a pledge to meet in early July at the Picpus cemetery where no doubt we'll have another Vin d'Honneur in a vault.

It still being moderately early in the morning, I saw

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Loren Carroll of Newsweek, and our two chief representatives at UNESCO.

At lunch I carried on in the Remembe LaFayette champagne tradition, with Bordeaux and Burgundy as other attractions, in company with the same group, substantially, that had lunched at the British Embassy on Wednesday. The Chef was in top form, and completed his work with a wonderful iced edifice, as elaborate as the most complicated eighteenth century female headdress in which anything might have been concealed. The cake-basket looked good enough to eat, and was in fact edible. I tremble to think of how Robert must have toiled over this final artistry, which was, I fear, tailing off after lobster and lamb, somewhat neglected.

Jean Monnet visited me. He, usually so pessimistic, was aglow with enthusiasm. Another few months on this right road, he said, and our position will be consolidated, and stabilization of the Franc made possible. He thinks the

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Government will put the so-called "Petsche Plan" through Parliament, and all will be well.

Two of the original members of the Comité France-Amérique, which, judging by their appearance, must have been founded long ago, appeared, and invited me to make a series of speeches. I settled for two, and they seemed content. Ed Earle and Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. were other visitors.

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Saturday, May 21, 1949.

Not an eye remained closed in this house after 6.30 this morning. We bestirred ourselves to go to Orly to meet the Achesons, leaving behind us a char brigade to polish and dust.

The Independence arrived just before nine, and Dean, Phil Jessup and myself were given a quick ride in by Michel, formerly (according to Eugene the Pole's rather sour comment) a Captain in the Imperial Guard of the Czar - who drove madly, surrounded by a cluster of motorcycle police. Secretaries of State must never rest, and it was not long before Dean was hard at it in the Chancery.

I went to see M. Schuman to protest against a proposed deal by which the French would sell some jet trainers, and also Hispano-Suiza airplane engines, to the Yugoslavs. He had never heard of the transaction, and promised to look into it. We also talked a little about the Dupuy newspaper affair, and other matters.

I do like and respect M. Schuman immensely.

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Dean, Alice and Luke Battle are staying with us and we all had lunch together. I hope they will be comfortable. Since the Government does not equip its Embassies either with silver or linen, there is the danger of running short before the arrival of our reinforcements from the Georgetown house.

I was inundated by correspondence and visitors at the office this afternoon, but about six o'clock joined E. and Vivien for a visit to our favorite print shop - Neuville/ on Place Beauvau. We found a bust of Mirabeau there for Frs.7,500. which I gladly bought. The head is enormous, as it was in real life, but I am almost sorry the bronze does not show the pockmarks which everyone who knew the man of genius always remarked upon as being particularly conspicuous.

Myron Taylor, Ambassador to the Vatican, had come in this morning to assure me that because of his recent arrival, Mrs. Taylor and himself expected no formal entertainment. He is a fine ruin of a man

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declining into anecdotal age.

Went to the office. There is a duty secretary [redacted] on Sundays, which is convenient. Tommy came in with news of an approaching government crisis over the gasoline tax. Why these people do not see the necessity of raising the price from 43 francs to 55 francs or more a litre, at which point it will be close to that in Switzerland, Belgium and Italy, I cannot understand. The black market rate is about 100 francs a litre. The black market can be killed by establishing free sale of gasoline, but to do this requires additional imports of petroleum under Marshall Plan financing. Our authorities at home would, I am sure, be properly reluctant to make provision for further imports if the sale price is obviously too low.

Averell called me this morning to tell me of the suicide at Bethesda Hospital of Jim Forrestal. Apparently there were bars on the windows in his own room, but he went at 1 a.m. down the corridor outside, and jumped out of a

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sixteenth story window. It is shocking and sad; - he was, in many respects, a remarkable man, and an attractive and dynamic one. The French newspapers to-night reported that in his room, lying open on his radiator, was found the Ajax of Sophocles, with the following passage underlined: "When the light of reason becomes obscure and when joy disappears in the shades of despair, it is better to sleep and die."

We arranged for Josephine and Mike Forrestal to take the Independence back to Washington to-night, and I went out to see them off, but the flight was delayed for three hours, so we returned to Paris. Called on Bill and Beulah Foster. They are leaving Saturday. He will shortly resign as Deputy to Averell, and take Howard Bruce's place as Deputy to Paul Hoffman.

Very amusing evening with Dean, Alice, Luke, etc. I do like the Achesons enormously, - also Luke who is a fine young fellow. Dean has an exquisite sense of humor,

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great charm, and is an enchanting conversationalist.

He said ~~that~~ Governor Dewey came to a Gridiron Club dinner soon after his unexpected defeat, and delighted his audience by saying ~~that~~ he felt like the Irishman at a wake who became so drunk that his friends put him in a coffin. He slept there until morning and, after waking, rubbed his head and observed: "If I am alive, what am I doing in here, and if I am dead, why do I want to piss?"

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Monday, May 23, 1949.

I went to Dean's morning staff meeting. He is a really impressive man - looks, behaves and talks the way an authentic statesman should. I was called out to greet a lady who insisted on seeing me. She said she was an American, which indeed she was, and [redacted] she had an inalienable right to shake the American Ambassador's hand. I willingly proffered my fin, and spent a half hour listening to her travelogue. Then back to the meeting, from which I was again wrenched away to see Roy Weeks, the President, and Farrish, the Secretary, of the American Chamber of Commerce. I am to become Honorary President of the Chamber, and deliver a little discourse to its members on Wednesday afternoon.

I lunched in the office so [redacted] I could prepare a speech for a luncheon at the American Club on the 25th.

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This morning I saw Foster and Allen Dulles, separately. They are a brilliant brace of brothers.

The afternoon commenced with a visit from a famous woman pianist. Tommy followed on her heels with a prediction that the Petsche Plan would fail and the Government probably fall. Then two members of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee assailed me with a plea about "heirless" property in the French zone of Germany. From then on, interviews were hot and heavy, ending with a sketch of the French labor situation by Dick Eldridge and Mike Harris.

I was glad to get home after 8 o'clock, and sit down to a shaker of Martinis in company with E. and the Achesons.

To-day was the first meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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E. was off betimes to meet the children at Le Havre. My first duty this morning was to call on M. Edouard Herriot, the President of the Senate, one of the great orators of France, a famous gourmet, and, since time immemorial, Mayor of Lyons. He was most sympathetic and has pronounced charm. A hulk of a man, unsteady on his legs, but his mind clear as crystal. I begged him not to pay a return protocol call on me, but he insisted and will come next week. After that, I stopped in at an exhibition of paintings by a young GI from Atlanta, Georgia, named Bisinsky. He was delighted at having a morning caller. His work is green but he has talent. Back to the office where I dealt with dullnesses until Allen Dulles and I went to lunch at the Travellers' Club. Afterwards, a round of engagements until six when I returned to the Travellers to attend a meeting of the Lafayette Squadron Foundation, of which the Ambassador is Honorary Chairman. The organization has for years had no funds, but is about

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to receive a legacy of over 200,000 dollars from the William Nelson Cromwell estate, so there was much smacking of lips and laying of plans.

I found Dean had just returned to the Residence, and Alice, he and I dined together. Dean is wonderful company, and his account of the Foreign Ministers' meeting to-day was fascinating.

E. arrived by train from Le Havre about 9 p.m. complete with nurse and two children. We finally got them in a car, and I stayed with Sasha and Brucie to cope with the baggage. It wasn't a great success. The baby and the dog tugged at me, the porters disdained my appeals, and finally I threw the suit cases on the baby carriage and trundled it through the station with the baby and the dog tripping me and each other up. It was at length discovered [redacted] there was a missing bag, and after a long and vain search I had to give it up and return home just in time to see David fall out of bed, smack on his head, onto the floor. I think it knocked him unconscious for he promptly went to sleep.

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Wednesday, May 25, 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Caffery, I think, sailed yesterday after a trip through Belgium and Holland. It is curious, but except for the conversation I had with him the day he received word from State that I was to succeed him, I have never had a word or [redacted] a message from him, nor has Mrs. C. ever communicated with E.

The American Club, of which I become Honorary President, had a lunch to-day at the Cercle Interallié, and I made a speech/ in the course of which I said I was sorry I had only one liver to sacrifice for my country. Later, I saw Ray Dickey and Eric Taff, before going around to the American Chamber of Commerce meeting at 41 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré. I became Honorary President, made a speech, [redacted] then met the members at a champagne buffet.

To-night, Dean and Alice, E and I, went to a dinner given by President Auriol at the Elysée Palace. As we drove into the courtyard, the Garde Républicaine band played. The whole place was suffused with bright electric light and was lovely. The Soviet [redacted] and British delegations were there

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as well as our own, and a large number of French people. Everyone, including the Russians, was very jolly. The dinner was excellent, as might have been expected. Before leaving, we saw the room in which Napoleon had abdicated, (the first time). It was also there that Louis Napoleon set in motion his coup d'état. One of the President's aides drew me aside and said that his Chief had neglected to mention the most interesting incident that had taken place in it. President Felix Faure had died on one of the sofas in the arms of his mistress. The doctor was sent for and at once asked whether his patient (who actually was stone dead) still retained any consciousness. "No" was the answer, "she just flew out of that window into the garden."

I sat between the British Ambassadress, Lady Harvey, and Madame François Poncet, whose husband was for seven years French Ambassador in Berlin, and who has just been named French High Commissioner there.

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Thursday, May 26, 1949.

Had talks, after Dean's morning staff meeting on CFM matters, with Ridge Knight and with Boswell. The latter has prepared me a memorandum on Indochina which promises to prove ~~most~~ interesting. The Neal Borums stopped in to see me. He is stationed in Brussels, and Shirley was my secretary in the Red Cross in London in 1940. I shall never forget how magnificent was her morale and her influence on the other people in the office during the worst of the bombing.

We had a lunch for Governor and Mrs. Dewey. I thought her charming. I only had a short chat with him, but he was ~~very~~ genial. The other guests were the Bunny Carters, the Foster Dulles, the Achesons, Jamie Bonbright, the Geoffrey Parsons, Eve Curie, the Phil Jessups, and Mr. Lockwood who is travelling with the Deweys.

This afternoon Admiral Connolly, ~~who is~~ the Chief U.S. Naval Officer in Europe, with headquarters in London, told me about the arrangements we have with the French

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at Fort Lyautey, etc. I am glad to know [redacted] we are building up some essential stocks.

I was delighted to see Henry de Vries. He has entirely recovered from his illness, and is as bright and sparkling as ever. McClure Smith, the publisher of the Sydney (Australia) Herald - and a great friend of Whitney Shepardson - paid me a visit. I found him [redacted] his personality engaging. He was followed by Jacques Lacour-Gayet who presented me with a few of his books and lots of conversation. Then, Bob Solborg brought in the seven American officers who are competing in the Concours Hippique which is now taking place. I got home in time to throw on my dinner clothes and hurry to dinner, at the Carters'. Their apartment on Place du Palais Bourbon is lovely, which is appropriate, for they are a lovely couple themselves.

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Friday, May 27, 1949

I went to the opening of the Salon this morning - acres of pictures. It sounds absurd to say I fancied none of them enough to want to buy it, but that is true. Thence to call on the Papal Nuncio, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. A lovely old gentleman with a purple skull cap, and the paunch of good living. A ruddy face, and a strong Italian accent. He talked Greek Orthodox Church politics, expressed his disbelief that the Soviets would be reasonable in CFM, counselled against any compromise with them, and said he thought we had made a great mistake in withdrawing our Ambassador to Spain; our action and that of other nations had strengthened Franco; above all he feared another civil war in Spain, etc.

Schuman asked me to come and see him. He is concerned over the rumpus raised by Rodes in Washington in favor of the Americans in Morocco. Our unusual position there has caused and will cause many difficulties. The natives, and the French, view our special favored nation status

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with considerable bitterness, and the attitude of Rodes and his associates is calculated further to infuriate them.

Lunch for Bill and Beulah Foster. The others were the Cy Sulzbergers, Alice Acheson, the Bill Pattens. Alice is a sweetie; E says she has the best face for hats one can imagine. Paul Claudel, the famous literary figure, ex-Ambassador to Washington, economist, etc. came to see me in connection with his interest in the organization France-Etats-Unis. He must be eighty but is lively as a cricket, [redacted] full of humor and wit.

Loren Carroll of Newsweek called. Afterwards, David Schoenbrun and Howard Smith of CBS; then Preston Grover of the Associated Press. had a strong impression that each was hopeful [redacted] I might have some inside knowledge of the CFM strategy and proceedings, and might leak it. Dr. Clayton Williams and two members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, advised me that I was to become their Honorary President, and they nailed me for a couple of dinners.

From 6.30 to 8 we had about 250 people to a cocktail

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party. I must say E and I enjoyed it; and we hoped it was all right with our guests. E had to leave for half an hour in the middle of it, to make a speech at Marthe de Fels' to fifty or so dressmakers.

E told me to-night the famous story of Maxim's when Liane de Pougy and the Belle Otero - both spectacular tarts - were trying to outdo each other in magnificence. Each night, they would hang on a few additional jewels and go to Maxim's and face each other. Finally, one evening the Pougy arrived without a single gem, but was followed by her cook who was wearing the whole blazing collection.

Dinner to-night at Averell's - a farewell party for the Fosters. Sat between Madame Bonnet (French Ambassadress in Washington) and Mme Robert Marjolin (attractive - from Charleston, West Virginia). To bed by one.

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Saturday, May 28, 1949.

Memorial Day celebrations will fill to-day.

Dean, Alice, E and I went to the American Cathedral at 10.45. There was good music and lots of flags, including the presentation of that of the State of Florida. We went to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe, where I deposited a large wreath near the undying fire. An abundance of handshaking, and playing of the Marseillaise and Star Spangled Banner. Afterwards, we lunched with the Carters at Senlis. The Pattens, George Whitneys and Chip Bohlen were there. At 4.15 I delivered a short speech at the Suresnes Cemetery before about one hundred people, including General De Lattre de Tassigny, and numerous prefects and mayors. More Marseillaise and Star Spangled Banner, as well as Taps in American and French renditions.

Dean told a couple of good stories. One was Vice-President Barkley's of a Minister exhorting a large audience about the corruption of character caused by hate. He asked whether there was a single person hearing him who could

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say [redacted] he hated no one. And old man held up his hand, and was asked to come forward. When questioned he said he hated no one. The Minister extolled his purity and tolerance, and a sked him how he had arrived at such a point of magnanimity. The answer was: "I am one hundred and three years old and all the sons of bitches that I hated are dead."

A couple of days ago, at one of the sessions of the Four, Dean told Vishinski [redacted] he could not be convinced by the latter's argument. He said he knew the Russians were fond of proverbs, and [redacted] the Americans had a proverb: "You cannot argue a man into taking a glass of beer." Bevin spoke up and said: "You can me".

We had supper at Jamie Bonbright's. Doc Matthews was there on his way back to the Embassy in Stockholm. Excellent wine.

Camille Gutt, head of the International Monetary Fund, came in to see us late this afternoon with

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some other friends. We both are [redacted] fond of him.

He is a beguiling man. His memory for French verse is extraordinary, - he can quote it, if permitted, by the hour.

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Monday, May 30, 1949

I walked to the office and attended this morning's briefing session on the CFM. In spite of its being a holiday, there were the usual lot of callers.

I lunched with Tommy at a restaurant - The Begonia. He is in good heart about the French financial situation at the present time. Anne O'Hare McCormick and her husband came to see me. She is [redacted] attractive and a great columnist. I went to a cocktail party for John Brown's travelling agricultural exhibit. It (the exhibit) is beautifully arranged, with great imagination.

To-night Dean is having M. Schuman and the Jessups for dinner.

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Tuesday, May 31, 1949.

Staff meeting this morning with Dean, Phil, etc.

Raymond Kelly, with a letter of introduction from Senator MacMahon of Connecticut, came in to ask about getting an ECA job. Dick Eldridge brought in Mr. Potofsky, the labor leader, and Mr. Brandwen. Potofsky had lately been in Palestine. He said Jews were flowing in there as immigrants at the rate of about 20,000 a month, and they hoped to absorb 800,000 in the next four years. Naturally there are shortages of everything, which they are counting on contributions from America to care for.

Frederick Kuh of the Chicago Sun had many questions to ask. Next was Mr. Golding, the investigator for Senator McCarran's Watch Dog Committee.

Russell Hill of the New York Times was the first visitor after lunch. Then Adel Verdier of the Foreign Office to invite me to become an Honorary President of "Français-Resistants". Philip Strong of the State Department came in and discussed the intelligence set-up

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in Germany. A long talk with Lane Kelly - what a splendid, fine character.

I went to the South African Legation for their national celebration. Afterwards, to our own Cultural Relations cocktail party at 41 Faubourg St. Honoré. It is such a shame to see this fine residence, [redacted] bought from Maurice de Rothschild, turned into an office building.

We dined with Sammy Hood. The honor guest was Princess Margaret. She is [redacted] sweet looking, but very short. The French are delighted with her and say she is a "belle poupée". I sat between Betty Salisbury and Madame Charles d'Yturbe.

Baron Levasseur, introduced by Jon Thoresson, applied to me for a ECA loan to reconstruct his textile factory in Normandy. I gave him what I hope was [redacted] sound, although discouraging, advice, and he went away sorrowing.

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Having toted up the bills, for entertaining alone, they amount to 1100 dollars from the time of our arrival, so I turned over a packet of francs to Mlle De Wavrán.

General Joseph Collins, Deputy Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, visited me this morning. I had last seen him at the time of the attack on Cherbourg. He is young, intelligent and able, and I found him [redacted] interesting. Governor Lehman called; he had been lately in Palestine, and I enjoyed hearing his views. Royall Tyler came in and, as always, was full of wit. He gave me the name of a restaurant which he recommends, L'Ami Louis. Called Hervé Alphand at the Foreign Office to discuss our Moroccan contretemps. Mike Harris brought Michael Ross of the CIO, - an attractive and stimulating fellow. Mr. Chataigneau, the French Ambassador to Moscow, came in for no reason apparently except to be genial. He had been for a time with the first U.S. Division during the 1914-18 war and speaks perfect English. To our mutual amazement, I found

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he was born and brought up at Vouillé, a little village near Poitiers, and he learned I had been billeted there with the 110th Field Artillery in his father's meadow. We both have a love for that part of France. He quoted a local saying: "There are three excellent things in life: bread, two days old; wine, two years old; and women twenty years old."

Mr. Hargrove of the Wall Street Journal paid one of his periodic calls. His paper is rather anti-ERP but he is pleasant and well-informed. Minister Bustamente of San Salvador dropped in for a chat, and then I saw Percy Winner of the New Republic, and Harold Callender of the New York Times, before making a quick trip with John Brown and d'Ormesson to the Chateau of the latter's father, who is now French Ambassador to the Vatican. It is about forty minutes from Paris, partly Henri IV. and partly 18th century, situated in the middle of a little spring-fed lake. The gardens were

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designed by Le Notre, and the ensemble is enchanting.

To-night, Dean had the Bevins and the Dulles to dinner. Bevin is [redacted] vain, but [redacted]hearty and tells a good story.

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Thursday, June 2, 1949

George Brewer was, quite naturally, in a great state of excitement this morning. Mr. Golding, whom I saw Tuesday, a lawyer representing Senator McCarran's Watch Dog Committee for ECA, had reported that the highly secret Atomic Energy Commissions' Prohibited list had been given wide circulation in Germany. We investigated, and found [redacted] there could have been no leak in Paris, since the only copy is hidden carefully in an inaccessible place. This, if true, is one of the most serious breaches of security imaginable, and will be tracked down and punished. It looks as if the Civil Affairs Division of American Military Government in Germany may be responsible.

I went to the wedding of Maurice Petsche's niece, to act as a witness. It was a [redacted] genial performance, with everyone chit-chatting until the service started, and much more informality up to that point than at an American wedding.

Lunched with Hugh Russell at 32 rue de Longchamps, [redacted] then went to the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers

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at the Palais Rose, + Boni de Castellane's ostentatious monstrosity. It was a quiet session - Vishinsky did most of the talking, but was not belligerent. Dean rocked him back on his heels a couple of times, with humorous retorts. It is ~~very~~ evident that Dean is thoroughly master of the situation at these meetings.

When it adjourned, I came back to our cocktail party. There were about 250 or so people, and we finally went late to dinner at the François-Poncets'. They have the most beautiful silver gilt service, in travelling cases, captured by the Blucher troops from Napoleon at Waterloo, and later bought by them in Berlin.

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Friday, June 3, 1949.

I went to pay my formal respects this morning to M. Monnerville, the President of the Conseil de la République, the organization which, under the new Constitution, has replaced the old Senate. His headquarters are in the Luxembourg Palace. He is a full-blooded negro from West Africa, a man of great intelligence and personal agreeability. I spent a congenial half-hour with him, and hope to go back soon with E and visit the various rooms of the Luxembourg complex of buildings. His own office was once Napoleon the First's, and for the most part is furnished as it was in the latter's time. The decoration and the furniture are admirable, the rug [redacted] especially beautiful.

Mr. Gombos, [redacted] attorney for the foreign interests of the Gulf Oil Corporation, visited me to explain the situation in Tunisia about petroleum concessions to foreign firms. There has been much opposition expressed by the Parisian newspapers. In general, the French do not welcome American, or any other outside capital, unless French

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interests have majority control of the enterprises. Since in this case the foreign participants must contribute the hard currency venture capital, as well as most of the technical knowledge, it would seem [redacted] fair that they own a majority of the shares; [redacted] they will be taking the greater part of the risks and will be contributing the specialized techniques, without which no success would be possible. From the standpoint of the French economy, the discovery of petroleum in a franc economic area would be the single most important event that could transpire, since over a period of time it would have an enormous influence on their balance of payments situation.

I next saw Percy Winner. He is making his headquarters in Rome, where I first met him twenty-three years ago when I was Vice Consul there. I remember in the early thirties when he was down and out in New York giving him several hundred dollars so [redacted] he could try to find a position. Since then he has published

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several successful books, held an important job during the war, and is now I think on Easy Street.

Douglas Schneider of UNESCO called, as well as Loren Carroll, Carl McCardle of the Philadelphia Bulletin, Graham Morrison (an Assistant Attorney General), Ex-Congressman Russell, and finally George Meaney, Secretary Treasurer of the A.F. of L. and several of his cohorts.

As soon as they left, I went to a reception given by the Prefect of Paris and Madame Léonard, and then to the cocktail party, where E joined me, of Colonel Valentine, the Air Attaché.

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Saturday, June 4, 1949.

Chancery

The [redacted] was, as usual, closed, but as usual [redacted] lots of people there. Mr. Zizette, a friend of Bill Batt, and a representative of S.K.F. visited me. Mr. Zeff, the tailor, tried on a suit and invited me to a French-American-British charity affair later on in the month, [redacted] Jamie Bonbright, Woodie Wallner, and Bill Tyler briefed me on a meeting with Queuille which is scheduled for lunchtime. Walter Kerr had a long talk with me. Thereafter, I called on Mr. Schuman to suggest a postponement of the [redacted] decree affecting rights of American citizens engaged in business in Morocco; I believe he will do so. Bill Tyler and I lunched with the Prime Minister and M. Devinat in the Music Pavilion of the park of the Hotel Matignon. I really think it is the most lovely small building I have ever seen. The lunch was up to the finest gastronomic expectations, and the wines, liqueurs, etc. fully worthy of the surroundings. M. Queuille is so friendly, honest and

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modest. I told him how much he was admired in the United States, as well as in France, and [redacted] as a personal expression of opi[redacted] felt [redacted] the contribution he had made to the recovery of France was of profound significance, and [redacted] hoped he would see things through to the successful end which we hoped might be accomplished toward the end of the year by the stabilization of the currency. He stated - I am sure sincerely - [redacted] he would like to retire and expected to do so when he conscientiously could.

I went to the American Hospital to see the Embassy colored doorman, George Washington Mitchell. He has been working for the State Department for forty-five years, in Berlin, Paris and elsewhere. In Paris he walks th the Chancery each day, both ways, from his home near the Place Pigalle. He is a fine old fellow. His trouble is probably tuberculosis and diabetes.

I went to Mike Harris' for cocktails, and to say goodbye to him. He is leaving Monday to become Chief of

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of the ECA in Sweden. He is a splendid fellow, and I am very fond of him, and also like and admire his wife. He will be a great loss here.

To-night, Dean had for dinner Vichinsky and his interpreter, Chip Bohlen, Bob Murphy and myself. There was lots of fooling and joking, but no business was discussed. Vichinsky does not drink except in a token way, does not smoke and eats sparingly. He has a face like a fox, his manners are easy and courteous, and he is evidently keen as mustard. He is said to be a prodigious worker, and told us that he never lay abed more than four or five hours a night. I would guess he has no bowels of compassion.

The Conference is a farce so far as the Soviets offering any constructive suggestions is concerned.

The big event of the day was the christening of the baby, sandwiched in between seeing George Washington Mitchell and the Harrises. Dean Beekman at five

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o'clock officially blessed him as David Surtees Bruce in the presence of E., Virginia, Ashley, Nannie and myself. He was ~~very~~ good, and Sasha adorable. Virginia was the only godparent present, the others being Bunny Mellon, Stacy Lloyd and Bill Donovan. We adjourned afterwards for tea at the Clarkes', where young David slid happily around, belly to floor.

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[redacted] Sunday, June 5, 1949

What a luxury to get up at nine o'clock. Albeit we did not go to bed until one.

I inspected the wine cellar with care and think it would hold at least 4,000 bottles. I must have about 1,500 from my old stock, and another three thousand on order. They go [redacted] fast!

We lunched in the country at the Geoffry Parsons', - the Jessups, Achesons, Harrimans, Mrs. Parsons Sr., the Ambrose Chambers, and Jean Louis de Ganay. De Ganay took us after lunch to see his father's chateau of Courance - an impressive building and beautiful park, now Marshal Montgomery's headquarters. Then he guided us over to another chateau belonging to his father - Fleury - built in the time of Louis XIII by the father of the builder of Courance. The grounds are neglected, the house is used as a school, but the air of the place is magnificent.

Madame Sommier had asked us to Vaux-le-Vicomte

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for tea. There we went and found Robert and Colette Gérard, as well as the Director of the Carnavalet Museum. Of course there is probably nothing anywhere in France like Vaux as a private house and park. It is really staggering, although I would not live in it if it were given and kept up for me. It is too ornate for ease and [redacted] contentment.

We arrived back late for dinner, and found Piggy Warburg and Lew Douglas waiting for us. The Achesons, Harrimans and ourselves were the others who tasted what the Chef, Robert, apparently considered a simple Sunday night dinner - onion soup, a timbale of Lobster with thick wine sauce, chicken, salad, cheese, peach melba, cocktails (before) Clos de Mouche 1945, Grand Echezaux 1937, magnums of Moet and Chandon 1941, Mirabelle, Cognac, Armagnac, cigars, etc.

Lew told us a story of the British having supposedly employed an American economist, Mr. Eidelstein, to examine into the U.K's fiscal situation for a fee of $100,000. After a week of investigation, Mr. E. asked permission to

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call on the King. Upon doing so, he said: "King, I've finished my work, and I'm tearing up this check for my services." He proceeded to throw the pieces into the fire. Then, very earnestly, he buttonholed His Majesty, and said: "King, let me give you some advice. If I were you I'd put Canada in the wife's name."

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Monday, June 16, 1949.

Tom Finletter has decided definitely to resign and return to his law firm. He has done an excellent job. The Pilgrims are to give him a testimonial dinner on the 16th and I hope to go over for it. Averell stopped in and talked a little about Tom's successor - the immediate possibilities being Dick Bissell, Paul Nitze, Win Riefler and Harry Labouisse. Piggy Warburg, who is over here with Lew, gave me some useful pointers as to how the social side of the Embassy in London is arranged, and talked about the horrors of the Fourth of July reception. Lew came in with a patch on his left eye. His accident was, as he described it, an example of almost incredible bad luck - a huge salmon wet/fly, diverted by a high wind, striking him right in the center of the eyeball and becoming lodged there up to the barb. He must have suffered tortures. [redacted] Jamie, Woodie, Bob Terrill, Turner Cameron and Chip Bohlen all had business to transact.

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I had a late lunch at the Travellers, and it being a holiday, got home about four o'clock [redacted] to work on [redacted] a speech. This did not last long, as Maurice Petsche telephoned and said he was coming to see me. As usual, there is a financial crisis, and the Government wants to borrow 80 billion francs. Petsche is in terrible health, but has complete political courage. He has been the head of the Peasant Party and they have just read him out of it because of his stand on taxes, and his desire to lower the prices of agricultural products. He is [redacted] fond of President Queuille and usually refers to him as an "adorable" man. That term would seem [redacted] odd if one of our Cabinet officers were to apply it to a President.

We dined to-night at the Canadian Embassy. General Vanier, who was badly wounded in the First War, is a crackerjack, with an attractive wife.

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Tuesday, June 7, 1949.

I met with Tommy to discuss our interview [redacted] to take place later in the morning with Petsche. Then I had a talk with Mr. Daymont of the Treasury to ascertain how to set up the accounts at the Residence. I am allowed $12000 a year for maintenance of the house, which cares for the wages of certain servants, supplies, etc. and $9,600. a year for entertainment. The Fourth of July reception usually absorbs, I am told, about $4,000. of the entertainment fund. We agreed that to simplify bookkeeping we should set up a charge for dinner guests of $6. a head, $4. for lunch, and $1.50 for cocktails. Since the allowances do not begin to take care of the expenses, the bookkeeping, although it must be meticulous and accurate, will not be a burden once the money allotted has been exhausted.

I talked to General O'Hare, the Military Attaché, who has recently arrived, about applications I had

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received for positions in his section. He is known as "Red", and is a great friend of General Bradley whom he served as G-1 during the war.

Tommy and I foregathered with Petsche, Governor Baumgartner and Jean Monnet at the Ministry of Finance. The deficit in the French Treasury accounts is large, and we must devise some means of covering it.

Mr. Green, who has a collection of twenty odd letters of introduction from Congressmen, called on me to pass the time of day.

Lunch at the Elysée. President Auriol was in top form. Queuille and Schuman were there to greet Dean, Foster, Phil, Chip, Bob Murphy and myself. The chef is famous and the lunch consisted of cold eggs Lucullus, Suprême de Soles Gallièra, Poulet Grillé Béarnais, Fonds d'Artichauds Marigny and Soufflé lacé Petit Duc. The wines were Chateau Carbonnieux 1936, Chateau Mouton Rothschild 1940 and Mumm Cordon Rouge 1937.

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I had a busy afternoon. General Requin worked me up to accepting an invitation to a Legion of Honor dance; Winthrop Aldrich's brother, William, came in with Colonel Krueger of the Battle Monuments Commission; the Corcoran brothers arrived to continue their operations on the Madame Dupuy case, and Tommy, Jamie, Woodie, Paul Nitze, Major Easley and Steele all flowed through separately.

At 6.30 I presented my respects to M. Coste Floret, the Minister for Overseas Territories. We had a long talk about Indochina, where, he thinks, the situation may still be saved.

Colonel Valentine, the Air Attaché, was alarmed to-day as a result of an appeal which I had made to Stuart Symington to get us a new plane. He says our present C-47 is the best craft in the service, so we despatched a cable asking that well enough be left alone.

To-night, the American CFM delegation and E and I dined at the British Embassy with the Bevins as hosts.

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As usual, Mr. Bevin monopolized the after dinner conversation, only pausing occasionally to let Dean make pungent and witty observations. Bevin had a story about Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill having to share one toilet at Yalta. As each individual went to use it, a band outside would play the national anthem of his country. When Churchill's turn came, he disappeared into the enclosure, and the band after playing "God Save the King" once, repeated it again, and was embarked upon a third round when a bellow proceeded from Mr. Churchill and he shouted: "For God's sake stop that damn thing so I can sit down."

Bevin said that during the war, Churchill often called cabinet meetings at night. On one occasion Lindeman and Cripps - both vegetarians - were fifteen minutes late, and Churchill gruffly rebuked them saying: "I suppose you were digesting your bloody beetroots."

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Wednesday, June 8, 1949.

I went to the Memorial Mass at Notre Dame for the Cardinal of Paris, Suhard. It was a wonderful ceremony. The cathedral was filled. The balconies were crowded with nuns who, except for their white coifs, were semi-invisible. Five cardinals, with train bearers carrying their scarlet robes, made majestic entrances. The bier was surrounded by masses of candles. Near it, on velvet cushions, were the two hats of the defunct, one a wide-brimmed merry widow type with corded scarlet tassels, and the other cream colored of pyramidal shape. The choir was excellant, and the [redacted] readings were delivered through microphones. Every conceivable Catholic religious order was represented, including mendicant [redacted] monks. Outside there were crowds of people in the streets, seemingly oblivious of the pelting rain, listening to the service being broadcast through loud speakers.

I returned to the office and met M. Marcel Boussac, the "Cotton King", who inveighed against the proposed Franco-Italian Customs Treaty. Then Mr. Quintana, the

Chargé d'Affaires of the Argentine, appeared. He extended good-fellowship.

I went to the Residence to change my funereal garments and was fortunate enough to find Alice, E and Polly Wisner going out to lunch, which we all had together at the Taverne of Nicolas Flament in the Marais. It is one of the oldest houses in Paris. Afterwards I saw McCardle of the Philadelphia Bulletin; and developed with him Dean's idea that Vichinsky is nothing but an old reactionary. Thereafter, Timmons and Wallner presented problems. I called on Ramadier, the Minister of Defense, who talked exclusively of housing and agricultural matters - typical of him. I have a notion he is probably a somewhat pretentious bore. He has, however, a keen, professorial, bearded face.

At the Cercle Interallié I awarded an "Oscar" for the best film of the year to the producers of "Monsieur Vincent". Pierre Fresnay, the leading actor in the picture, was on hand, as well as his enchanting

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wife, Yvonne Printemps, to whom I lost my heart—

across the footlights - twenty years ago.

Thence to the Residence where we had a cocktail party for about 300 people, including the American beachhead correspondents who have been having a reunion in Normandy.

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Thursday, June 9, 1949.

Saw Bob Terrill and Turner Cameron, as well as Graham Martin, before sallying forth to Place Beauvau to pay my respects to the Minister of the Interior, Jules Moch. There is a live wire. He has done wonders with the police force, the prefects, security, etc. I found him interesting and informative. Albert Morini, an impressario of tours, asked me to further his design to bring a contingent of the Garde Républicaine to the U.S.A.

Saw Jamie and Woodie before lunching with John Kelly at the Cercle Interallié. I told Kelly about the girl who lately called me from the Ritz and asked me to have her mattress changed as it was too lumpy. John said a Mistress was something between a Mister and a Mattress.

John Mowinckel, (representing World Report), who was with me in OSS, wants if possible to shift into ECA. He is an ingenious, able man, brave and enterprising. Colonel Jacobs explained the situation regarding a radio station at Tangiers which the US Government wishes to establish.

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The Austrian Minister, Vollgruber, who had also been Minister in Paris in the thirties, was [redacted] pleasant, and as philosophical as possible under the circumstances about conditions in his country. We were thoroughly in agreement that the Soviets [redacted] are complete bastards - at least in their political relationships.

I left about seven to see an exhibition by a young American painter, Knitch, who had written to me. Pretty poor to my untutored eye, it seemed, boggle-eyed women, all redehaired and lots of it, appeared [redacted] to have been his sole subjects. However, he is only twenty-four, and I think has done well to have an exhibition.

Home to dine with the Achesons. It is such fun to be with them. Dean folds his cares away, and is so urbane even after passing a steady four and a half hours at a Council meeting. He doesn't ever seem mentally fatigued, but admits that his ass is tired.

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Friday, June 10, 1949.

Barry Bingham arrived late last night and came in to see me this morning. I then went to interview M. Jouhaux in his capacity as President of the Conseil Economique. He has beautiful offices, formerly used by Napoleon III, in the Palais Royal, in the part built by Richelieu and later occupied by the wild Regent. Naturally Jouhaux talked mostly about labor problems. He is the Grand Old Man of the Trade Union movement in France, but is, I fear, rather remote from knowledge of what really goes on in the ranks.

From there, I went to Versailles to call on M. Boisdon, the President of the Assembly of the French Union. A bearded politician, with impressive gold teeth, pleasant and easy in conversation, his office a wonderful Louis XIV room in the Palace. I returned to Paris in time to receive Max Brusset, a wordy Deputy, who is badly stretching himself by keeping one foot in the

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de Gaullist camp, and reaching the other toward more solid political ground.

I attended a lunch, presided over by André Siegfried of France-Etats-Unis, at the Cercle Interallié. Dean, [redacted] the guest of honor, [redacted] made an excellent speech.

Jamie, Woodie and Boswell came in with a denunciation of the Department's despatch instructing us to tell the French Government to grant (in effect) unrestricted independence to Indochina. We all think this an unwise and impertinent offer of advice, which would only result in confounding the French, and make their present efforts in that part of the world still more difficult.

At 3.30 I saw M. Guerdon, a French journalist, of American extraction, who lives half the year in New York, and who had a letter of introduction to me from Sumner Welles. He was followed by Loren Carroll, with Leland Stowe next, and climaxed by Arthur Sulzberger, the publisher of the New York Times. Then two of my old French associates in "Sussex", [redacted] the OSS French pre D-Day

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espionage operations, Commandant Dutet and Captain Guittory, visited me. The Nicolas wine establishment sent an agent to see me, who submitted a list of fine specimens, then I saw another wine agent from whom I bought 240 bottles of Veuve Clicquot. That finished the day's work, and I got home at 8 o'clock to find the Achesons, the Dutch and Brazilian Ambassadors, and their wives, drinking with E. in the garden.

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Saturday, June 11, 1949.

The morning commenced with a visit from Olaf Sundt, Bob Terrill and Gambos, the lawyer for the Gulf Oil Company. They think, for valid reasons, that the chances of the Cabinet ratifying the oil concession in Tunisia in favor of foreign companies is dim. As it happens, I had discussed the problem with M. Queuille last Saturday, and could give them some reassurance, although in the present temper of French politics that means little.

A man from Acme / [redacted] Features, a new company, took many pictures of me in color, presumably working at my desk. After an interval with Jamie Bonbright on real office business, the Mayor of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, accompanied by the Mayor of Saint Cloud, France, were photographed with me by the same Acme Features operator with other film magicians added. The Minnesota Mayor told me privately [redacted] he was overwhelmed and delighted with the hospitality extended to him here, and [redacted] he wanted to be reelected so [redacted] he could make another European trip. The French mayor is

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equally content, and has sent his son to Saint Cloud, Minnesota, to be educated.

Spyros Skouras, an old acquaintance, came in to tell me about Fox film activities, and [redacted] his philanthropic projects in Greece.

I went over with Barry Bingham to present him to M. Schuman. As always, M. Schuman was charming and as Barry is equally so, it was a good start. I took the opportunity to question M. Schuman about the Tunisian petroleum business, and he said he favored pushing it through.

This afternoon I went back to the Embassy to discuss this oil affair further, and when I returned home became involved in the equivalent of rolling strikes, which took the more agreeable form of a succession of people for cocktails.

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Sunday, June 12, 1949.

Up at 7 a.m. We took off at 8.30 from Orly in the Embassy C-47 for Caen. Hugh Russell, Bill Tyler, Kingsbury-Smith, and General O'Hare, with Colonel Bailey at the controls. It was a beautiful day and we were at Caen in an hour, whence, having passed in review a platoon of French soldiers, we motored with Guérin de Beaumont of the French Foreign Office, to his 15th century Château in La Manche. There we met a medley of officials, amongst them the Prefect of the district. Like magnets, our group attracted other elements, and by the time we arrived at our destination, Graignes, we formed a pretty cavalcade. In the early hours of the day of the Normandy invasion in 1944, about 170 American parachutists of the 101st Airborne Division were dropped off their course and landed in the salt marshes beyond Carentan which had been flooded by the Germans. After they had shaken the brine out of their hair and garments, they made their way to the little village of Graignes, the inhabitants of which received them with

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great cordiality. There they remained for some days, being victualled by their French hosts. The Germans got wind of the situation, and attacked the village in force. A rather bloody contest ensued, in which, it is said, almost 700 Germans were rendered unserviceable. Some of the Americans made their way towards Carentan but others remained behind. Sunday came, and the Germans surrounded the church. As the congregation came out, many Americans and local inhabitants were despatched in cold blood. The local priest was taken away and shot, then the little town was entirely burned.

Today's memorial ceremony was held in the reconstructed chancel of the church, the rest of the edifice being outlined only by a few stones. Some hundreds of people were there, such as the Prefect of the district, two Archbishops, a number of Mayors, a brass band, a lot of flag bearers, many children bearing flowers, and peasants from all over the countryside. An impressive mass was held at an altar, back of which was

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a memorial tablet with the names of the French and American dead, and floating over it, in a stiff breeze, were the United States and French flags. Honor guards were abundant, and the Marseillaise and the Star Spangled Banner were freely played. A spate of oratory ensued, in which I bore my part. It was a beautiful and ~~[illegible]~~ moving performance. From the steeple of the restored chancel, a light will always burn. E. pressed the button to set it going, and was told it would be visible from the English shore.

We adjourned at two o'clock for a lunch which at five o'clock, when we had to leave, had not been completed. There was White Burgundy, Red Burgundy, Champagne, Santerne, Cognac, and Cider by the bucketful. The school children, out of their savings, presented E. with a bouquet of flowers, and me with a copper milk can and a bottle of Calvados.

We motored back to Caen at breakneck speed -

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and arrived at the Embassy towards eight, where we had dinner with the Achesons and the Douglases.

De Beaumont said that when Marshal Montgomery lately went to Normandy he expressed to the local authorities his wish to spend a night in the Château where he had placed one of his first headquarters. When the owner, an old lady, was approached on the subject, she definitely refused, saying that when Montgomery had been there during the war he had never even been polite enough to ask to be introduced to her. After much pleading, she relented, and the Field Marshal did spend a night there recently, and made his peace with his outraged and previously neglected hostess.

De Beaumont thinks the mental processes of the Swiss are somewhat turgid. He said [redacted] three Swiss soldiers, under parachute instruction, were told to count three, after jumping, before pulling the rip cords of their chutes. The first plummeted to earth and

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was killed, the second underwent the same unfortunate fate, and the third, about to expire, was heard by some one who had rushed to him upon his fall to mutter "Three".

He had another story about parachutists. It seems [redacted] an English officer was sent up in a plane to instruct some fierce Ghurkas in jumping. Unawar[redacted] they had not been told what was in store for them, he approached a Ghurka sergeant and told him to get ready to jump out of the plane. The sergeant answered that he was afraid to do so, and after a short colloquy offered to jump at 100 feet. The British officer told him he would be a fool to do that as he would certainly be killed, since his parachute could not open in time. The Ghurka replied that this was the first time any one had mentioned he could wear his parachute.

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Monday, June 13, 1949.

Saw Alan Kirk who has resigned as Ambassador to Belgium and is now going as Ambassador to Russia. He and his wife were [redacted] popular in Belgium and regret to leave it. I am sure [redacted] nothing except a sense of duty impelled him to take this new position. Cavendish Cannon, our Ambassador to Yugoslavia, came to call; and I found him [redacted] interesting.

My next meeting was with an interparliamentary group, representing "France-Etats-Unis". Maurice Schumann, the head of MRP [redacted] the President, and there were Madame Patenotre and others whom I [redacted] known for a considerable time. They want especially to be put in touch with representatives of the United States Congress when they come to France, which will be easy.

Jolis and Chipman discussed a fascinating problem with me. Then Russell of the Civil Aeronautics Commission came in to tell me what he [redacted] doing about landing [redacted] rights on air foreign fields. Al Friendly, Bill Tyler, Lee Barrows

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and John Brown were worried about a forthcoming interpellation in the National Assembly over the ECA requirement that employees swear they do not belong to a communist organization. I am to try to see Daniel Mayer, the Minister of Labor, to stiffen his spine.

General O'Hare had a security matter over which he was justifiably worried. Miss Dorothy Leet, who supervises the activities of the American cultural center, Reid Hall, paid me a visit. Next, Bob Blum talked about colonial development. Mr. Gibbs of the Department of Agriculture, discoursed on the ways and means of pressing the French to buy surplus American tobacco that they do not want. Mr. Elogh, the Israel Ambassador to the United States, gave me some interesting information about developments in his country. I then saw Major Easley, Dick Eldridge and Harold Callendar in turn before returning home where I found the Achesons and the Lew Douglases having cocktails with E in the garden.

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Tonight S and I went to a charity benefit sponsored by Henriette and Michel de Grammont. There was a variety show and lots of jollity.

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Tuesday, June 14, 1949.

Barry Bingham, Ambrose Chambers and I flew up this morning to Caen, and thence by car to Saint Lo for the inauguration of the ECA travelling agricultural exposition. I thought it was superbly done, and the drawings and charts admirable for the purpose of explaining the Marshall Plan operations in France. We had a terrific lunch at which we all made speeches, and returned to Paris in time to attend the end of Alice Acheson's cocktail party in the Embassy garden.

The CFM sat late, and we were to dine as Mr. Schuman's guests at the Foreign Office at 9.30. Mr. Vichinsky did not arrive until half an hour later, no doubt delayed by seeking instructions from Moscow. I had a chilly talk with Bogomolov, the Soviet Ambassador, a poisonous looking weasel, but said to be very clever.

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Wednesday, June 15, 1949.

Mr. Golding of the Watch Dog Committee came to tell me goodbye; no tears were shed. The Cuban Minister paid a call. He doesn't smoke, which, for no logical reason, always strikes me as odd in a Cuban, though why I should expect him to puff about on a long black cigar, I don't know. Dr. Henius, who wants to rebuild and complete Mussolini's marble folly near Ostia asked me to intervene in favor of his scheme with Milt Katz. Lunch at the Anglo-American Club at Le Griffon restaurant, with Geoffrey Parsons as President. The British Ambassador and I are joint Honorary Presidents. Mr. Nolan came to invite me to the ceremony at Lafayette's grave in the Picpus Cemetery on July 3rd. Then M. Lepaulle, a lawyer, to invite me to a presentation of legal books by the American Bar Association to the French Bar Association.

A meeting with Tic Bonesteel and several members of the Embassy staff to consider the testimony I may have to give if I am called for in Washington next month in

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connection with the Military Assistance Program.

Home to receive at a tremendous cocktail party in the garden for hundreds of all and sundry. It was a beautiful day, and with Martinis, whisky and champagne they were getting well under way when I left to attend a dinner [redacted] given by the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, and make the speech with which I almost always sing for my dinner.

In the middle of the cocktail party, a lamb arrived, bleating like mad and trying to jump over the wall into the street. It had been presented to me yesterday by charming children in Saint Lo, who, hearing that our kids had a pet lamb [redacted] they were forced to leave behind in Virginia, wished to replace it by this French lambkin. It was such a sweet and touching attention.

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Thursday, June 16, 1949.

Took the Military Attaché's plane about ten this morning at Orly, and flew to London with Griselda, and E. Lunched at Claridge's. Then shopped, winding up at the Antique Dealer's annual exhibition in Grosvenor House. Saw Julius Holmes at the Embassy, and went to 14 Prince's Gate where we were to spend the night with the Douglases. Peggy has, with her good taste, revolutionized that house since I last saw it. Stella Reading came in for tea, and afterwards Lew and I went to the Savoy where the Pilgrim Society was giving a banquet for Tom Finletter, who is resigning as Chief of the ECA Special Mission to the United Kingdom, and is going home next week. The Speaker of the House of Commons was the Toastmaster, and Sir Stafford Cripps, Tom and Lew were the orators of the evening. It was a wonderful tribute to Tom. I sat between the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Mayor of London. The latter told me [redacted] the expenses of his office were

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such that he would spend in a year about 25,000 pounds in excess of his allowances, which sounded natural to me. After dinner, Tom, Lew and I sat up until 1 a.m. at Princes Gate.

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Friday, June 17, 1949.

We left Northolt airport at ten th morning and arrived at Orly an hour and a half later. I went to the office where I found an accumulation of matters awaiting me, before lunching at the Embassy mess with Phil Jessup and one of his secretaries. The afternoon was varied, as usual, and about seven I stopped at the Restaurant Chiberta, where Charlie Neave was giving a cocktail party for the "Sussex", "Proust", and other agents. It was [redacted] enjoyable to be again with those of them whom I recognized. Some of the young ones complained that their lives were humdrum compared with the danger and excitement of former days.

We dined to-night with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor at the house they have rented in rue de la Faisanderie from Paul-Louis Weiller. Her taste is excellent, and she is a wonderful housekeeper. She has given charm which it lacked before, to this fine house. Their silver, china and furniture are superb. As hosts, they are the best

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imaginable, [redacted] thoughtful and courteous. Wallie has real wit and is amusing company. The Duke adores her. He has a superb [redacted] memory. I don't think they are happy people, temperamentally.

We left there about eleven to attend the charity dance given in the Ministry of Finance portion of the Louvre by the American Legion, the British Legion and the Royal Air Forces [illegible].S. It was a glorious setting, but not much fun. E. had on a beautiful Desses print dress, and looked, as usual, stunning.

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Colonel Lange, ~~ex~~/Assistant Military Attachés, stopped by for me and we were at the Invalides Church at 9 a.m. to attend a memorial mass for General Leclerq. Leclerq's widow and family were present, as well as the President of the Republic (dressed in a white tie and evening tails, with the broad crimson band of the Legion of Honor over his shirt front). The aisles were lined with Gardes Républicains in scarlet uniforms, standing at attention throughout the long ceremony. The only other diplomats present besides myself were the British and Canadian Ambassadors, the Swiss Minister, and a representative of the Papal Nuncio. Upon returning to the office, I saw Loren Carroll and others. My old friend, General Koenig, came in to entrust to me for forwarding a fine consular sabre he wants sent home as a personal gift from him to General Clay. He said he and Clay disagreed violently on many political issues, but their relationship otherwise had been most friendly, and he felt an affectionate

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respect for Clay. Koenig has been in Germany four years, and would like to be recalled and given command of the French Army.

I got to Chantilly at two for lunch with the Duff Coopers. The Achesons, Frank Gileses, Sir Charles Mendl and others were there - Duff Cooper [redacted] gay, and Diana, as always, [redacted] beautiful. She says [redacted] Mrs. Churchill is still [redacted] jealous [redacted] if Winston [redacted] is more than perfunctorily polite to another woman, and goes through agonies on account of it. Also that Churchill has never paid attention to other women, and has always been [redacted] happy with Clem. [redacted]

We got back to Paris in time to spend an hour being photographed by Cecil Beaton with the children and the dogs. Beaton makes this sort of enterprise painless and amusing.

We had dinner to-night with the Achesons and Luke Battle. Afterwards, we went about 11.30 to the nightclub Monseigneur. It was the first time, since coming to Paris and I more than a year ago, that E. had [redacted] been to a night spot.

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Whenever we arranged to do so, something unexpected always prevented it. There were over a dozen violinists, a cellist, a pianist, a harpist and heaven knows what other players at Monseigneur. The violinists were marvelous; using no scores and circulating around amongst the tables. It was terrific - all that melody in such a small place. Dean was wonderful; he conducted a group of musicians in our corner, sang at the top of his lungs, and was charming to all and sundry. The more I see of him, the more [redacted] I like and admire him. He is the best of company, humorous, erudite, and [redacted] attractive. With his true statesmanlike qualities added, he is ideal for a Secretary of State, and one feels [redacted] proud of him.

To bed about three o'clock.

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[redacted] Sunday, June 19, 1949

Countless things to do at home to-day. I went over the household accounts and the expenses are so ghastly [redacted] I was sorry to have to look at them. At eleven, th Columbia Broadcasting Company photographers took innumerable shots of us with the dogs and children; it was something [redacted] our Information Service wanted done. Dean and Luke came home for lunch. After they departed to attend the last secret session of CFM, I took the two ladies to the Grand Steeplechase of Paris at Auteuil. It was fun being in the President's tribune. I had my 1932 Ascot gray top hat, which looked fresh and presentable, but my cutaway coat, purchased in 1929, almost burst, [redacted] and, failing to do so, came close to fretting me to death. It is such fun doing things with E, - everybody loves her; she is so good with people and so knowledgeable about things, as well as entirely modest about her beauty and accomplishments. Alice is charming and has great [redacted] looks. I think [redacted]

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is very happy in
she [redacted]/Paris, and she has had an unusual success with the French.

To-night, Alan Kirk, his wife and daughter, Daddy and Mrs. Myers, Dean and Alice are dining with us.

E. and I made a list of furniture to-day that simply must be divorced from the Embassy. I'm afraid [redacted] the place will look rather bare when it is removed, but one wonders where and under what circumstances it could possibly have been bought.

Dinner was fun and, I thought, an extraordinarily good meal. We had Clos des Mouches 1945, a magnum of Haut Brion 1933, and a magnum of Moet & Chandon 1941,

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Stanton Griffis came in. He is not happy about his present activity as head of the UN organization on Palestine Refugee problems. He expects his resignation as Ambassador to Egypt to be accepted shortly, and in the autumn he will replace Jim as Ambassador to the Argentine. Commenting on newspaper statements that he had been a tremendous contributor to Democratic campaign funds, he told me that in the course of his life his total contributions to the Democratic National Committee had amounted to $8,000.

I had some business with Graham Martin, said goodbye to Oppenheimer of the Conference Delegation staff, and received OK a visit from Jimmy Roosevelt, [redacted]. He hopes to be the next Democratic Gubernatorial candidate in California.

Foster Dulles stopped to say goodbye. Janet and he are such an [redacted] intelligent couple. Kenyon Bolton, who is to help with distinguished visitors, reported in,

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and then my old friend General Everett Cook, known much better everywhere as "Cookie", related his adventures in Russia where he had been in connection with cotton deals. I lunched rather well at the Mess, saw then Norris Dodd, who used to be Undersecretary of Agriculture and is now in the International Food and Agriculture organization. Pierre Lyautey, the son (or nephew) of the famous Marshal and Governor General of Morocco, called to present me with a copy of his biography of General Gouraud. Next was Mr. Teguegn, the Minister of Ethiopia to France. He was pleasant and seemed touched when I told him his Emperor's (Haile Selassie) speech to the League of Nations on the projected Italian move against Ethiopia was one of the most moving of all oratorical efforts, which indeed it was. Mr. Miller, whom I had known before as a staff member of the ECA Watchdog Committee, renewed our acquaintance-ship. Messrs. Fasteau and Martin stopped by, and later Mr. Edward G. Curtis with a letter of introduction from

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George Bowdoin. He is seeing France with his family, so I offered him a cocktail party as one of the necessary sights. Sam Lovell, one of the young secretaries [redacted] being transferred to Canada, bade me goodbye. Bill Draper, former Undersecretary of War, was passing through Paris, and we talked of the sad end of Jim Forrestal. Tommy and Bert Jolis (to my great regret Bert is leaving for home shortly and we shall miss him and his beautiful Eva) had their respective problems to detail. In the midst of various pre-occupations, a telephone call from the Democratic National Committee in Washington came through, and I was asked to arrange for three double bed-rooms and baths in the best Paris hotel for a faithful contributor, whose own efforts in that regard had failed. It was arranged, and being more thrifty than the Committee (especially since I had to pay personally for it) I cabled the answer. At 7.30 Dean Acheson had a farewell

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press conference, and when asked what he thought of the achievements of the CFM said it reminded him of the colored man who, having been given a bottle of whisky by his employers, upon being asked how he had liked it, answered: "Boss, it was all right; if it had been any better you wouldn't have given it to me; if it had been any worse, it would have killed me."

As the press meeting was about to adjourn, Chip came in with a note announcing that Vichinsky had just received instructions from Moscow to hold up the agreed communiqué and to have another meeting of the Four. It was a perfect climax to this Conference. Dean answered [redacted] the communiqué had already been distributed, but went off to the Quai d'Orsay to meet Vichinsky and the others. They convened only for a short time, and the point raised by the Soviets concerned the Austrian Treaty discussions. Dean came back to the Residence, and [redacted] bolted some drink and an omelet before going to Orly where Alice,

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and Luke he/boarded the Independence. We were [redacted] sorry to see them go - they are/a fine [redacted] couple - he is [redacted] what the Calvert whisky advertisements mean to imply by the phrase "a really distinguished man". He dominated the CFM and it makes any American who has seen him in action/at an international conference proud to have him as our Secretary of State. Incidentally, they and Luke Battle are the ideal house guests, and thoroughly belie the saying that fish and visitors stink after three days. We wish they could have stayed on for at least another month.

From the airport we went directly to Pré Catalan where Henri Bernstein was giving a dinner for us. The plane did not leave until eleven, and we arrived at about 11.40 to plunge into a soup to nuts affair. There was an orchestra and dancing and all was ~~gay~~ merry - except the thought of getting up early to-morrow morning.

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Tuesday, June 21, 1949

Watt Dunnington, [redacted] originally from Farmville, Virginia, [redacted] is a great friend of Jim's, called to see me. General O'Hare, Colonel Bailey and Captain Smith-Hutton discussed the presentation of arguments in favor of the Military Assistance Program. I had a lunch for Jim Carey, Secretary-Treasurer of the CIO, John Brophy, Director of State & Industrial Union Council, CIO, and Elmer Cope, European Representative of CIO. They are all vital and interesting men. During lunch, Merian Cooper, called me by telephone from New York to ask me to entertain the Daryl Zannucks when they come here.

Afterwards, I saw Holland of UNESCO [redacted] then went to Wildenstein's Galleries to present the prizes for their Hallmark Exposition. The subject had to be connected with Christmas - there were several hundred pictures, most of them [redacted] pretty weird.

Back at the office, I saw the always charming Norman

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Armour, the man who ought, I think, to have been sent here years ago as Ambassador, - then Abbott Ingalls (a friend of Jarvis Cromwell) who has just married a French woman and is seeking a job in Paris. Mr. L. E. Moore of the US Lines told me something of passenger shipping conditions, before I heard from Messrs. Tyler, Sundt and Gombas of the snags the Tunisian oil concessions have run into.

I believe the French are foolish not to show more political courage in the face of Communist propaganda, in encouraging foreign capital to invest in the Overseas Territories, especially since these ventures are of such a speculative nature.

Raoul Hoyer came in with samples of wine and liquors for possible blending for the 4th of July reception. We tried them and selected a strong punch.

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The Prime Minister held a reception at the Hotel Matignon for the International Radio Conference, so I popped in and had a glass of champagne before going home to throw on my clothes, almost the way harness used to be dropped on the old-time fire horses. We rushed to Marie Blanche Polignac's house in rue Barbet de Jouy where commenced about the best informal party I have ever attended.

The wing of the house where we dined and remained afterwards might well be a museum. Marie Blanche's mother, Madame Lanvin, the great dressmaker, bought pictures wisely and well when they were comparatively inexpensive. It is a wonderful show of personal and exquisite taste. M.B. herself is attractive and a talented amateur musician. After dinner there was singing by several people, including lovely Claude Alphand, but the great treat was provided by Yvonne Printemps who sat on the floor and, singing, enchanted us all. She is the

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essence of femininity and so admirably represents the [redacted] spirit of Paris. I remember years back going to see her five nights in succession in "Les Trois Valses".

To bed about two a.m.

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Wednesday, June 24, 1949

Having inspected and met everyone in the Consular Division, I have recently been doing the same in Graham Martin's Administration Section. I find it most interesting.

This morning I called on René Pleven who, it is said, wants and expects to be Prime Minister before many months have passed. He is [redacted] intelligent and always talks frankly (I believe) to me. His English is perfect.

We had for lunch Millicent Hearst, Margaret Biddle, Nino Lo Savio, Barry Bingham, Isa Sidney, Stanton Griffis, and the Carmoys.

This afternoon I saw Mr. Parrish of Richmond, Virginia, who is in the red cedar business, supplying material for pencil manufacturers in Europe. Arthur Sachs asked me to intervene with Wilfrid Baumgartner, Governor of the Bank of France, to borrow the Bank's famous Fragonard for an exhibition in California. I had previously spoken of a similar application to Baumgartner, who had refused it - I thought quite properly, as if a precedent

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were established the Tragonard would be engaged in continuous travel. Arthur and I are going to try to borrow a Boucher or Nattier instead. Then I went to the Isle of Swans in the Seine to do a broadcast with Henry Cassidy of CBS underneath the copy, of reduced size, of the Statue of Liberty, by Auguste Bertholdi, [redacted] We had our regular weekly cocktail party this afternoon, and Elsie Mendl came in a wheel chair. Thence to the Baumgartners', in their lovely rue St. Dominique house, for dinner. Finally, we attended the charity affair of the Legion of Honor at the Theatre du Chatelet. They played "White Horse Inn". To bed at 2 am.

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Thursday, June 23, 1949

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I called on René Mayer this morning, and we ranged over many topics. Like other Renés, he is said to hope and expect to be Prime Minister before long. He is realistic, able, and has wit, as well as an unusually attractive wife, Denise.

To the American Club for lunch where Harold Callender, of the New York Times, spoke well.

Mr. McMahon, whom I had known in licensing days at the Department of Commerce, visited me. He is doing a study on the U.S. export trade for the NAM. Jacqueline Bate, the daughter of my old friend, Fred Bate, whom I saw a great deal of in London in 1940, when he represented NBC before being badly injured in a bombing raid, came to ask for a job with ECA. Dr. Moore, a famous health officer at the Johns Hopkins, took up a complicated citizenship matter, then Miss Sharon Lee, a 22 year old model from New York, and a beauty, asked me to arrange to have her meet some nice French people. She is here to enlarge her vocabulary! Dorothy Thompson called and we had a long conversation.

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Friday, June 24, 1949

I talked to Admiral Sherman, who commands our fleet in the Mediterranean. He has about 15,000 men and a useful lot of war craft. M. Boisdon, President of the Assembly of the French Union, came in to return my recent call. Next, the regional information officers from Lyon, Bordeaux, Marseilles and Strasbourg told me of their work. John Mowinckel and I went to lunch with Colonel Olivier, who was such a good agent during the war. He still lives in the convent, where the nuns [redacted] serve us a delicious meal, [redacted]. I was to make a speech at France-Amérique at three o'clock. Mr. Herriot presided, and there were two speakers scheduled before me. The second was so verbose that when 4:15 rolled around, she was not nearly finished, so I had to leave to attend the Commencement exercises at the American Community School, where I made a speech and gave out diplomas. After a spell at the office, I went to a reception to celebrate the Independence Day of Thailand, and moved on from there to a cocktail party at Howard Railey's, at 12 rue Weber, where I once lived during the war.

We dined at the Pattens' [redacted] then went to a Unicorn party

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given by
/[redacted] Tony Pawson [redacted] at 75 rue de Lille for Diana Cooper.

A good party it was, and the familiar rooms where we had so recently spent six months were admirable.

To bed at 1 a.m.

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Saturday, June 25, 1949

Another week drawing to an end without [redacted] possibility of [redacted] a haircut.

I said goodbye to Foulon of the Economic Section who is being loaned to ECA at Baden-Baden. Loren Carroll and Harry Kern of Newsweek queried me on France. Louise Hitchcock, now grown up and [redacted] always sweet, came to see me. Then I attended the wedding reception for Jack Hemingway - Ernest's son - who was once in OSS and [redacted] now a U.S. Army Captain in Germany - and his wife.

To lunch at the Residence, with Chester Dale, the Norman Armours, the John Hughes, the Alan Kirks and Emily Woodruff.

M. Anteriou, Director of the Cabinet of M. Devinat, took me this afternoon to see the Pavillon de la Muette, in the forest of St. Germain, a hunting box built by Gabriel in the time of Louis XV. The Government owns it, and would lease it to me for 18 years for a purely nominal rent. Its proportions are almost perfect, and the few rooms have great architectural elegance, but it is so dilapidated [redacted] I don't think I could

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face the job of reconstruction. We went from there to Vaucresson to see the Pavillon Butard, [redacted] assigned to Herriot, as President of the National Assembly. It is also a Louis XV hunting lodge and [redacted] lovely. We [redacted] visited the Coeur Volant, built by Louis XIV for his physician, at Marly. I thought of buying it last year from Mme Mayer for six million francs. I now wish [redacted] I had done so, as with its swimming pool, green-houses, etc. it would have been so agreeable for us, and, I am sure, easy to re-sell. However, Danielle Darrieux has bought it, and it has flown out the window. Robert Gérard and an Argentine lady came for drinks, [redacted] then E and I had a quiet dinner and so to bed.

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Sunday, June 26, 1949

Bill Tyler and I flew to Lille this morning in the Naval Attaché's Beechcraft, to visit the United States Pavillon, chiefly devoted to the Marshall Plan, at the city's annual fair. The flight took about 50 minutes, and the weather was perfect. There was the usual guard of honor and dignitaries to meet us. Then to the Hotel de Ville, more guards of honor, more dignitaries, lots of music, featuring, of course, the Star Spangled Banner and the Marseillaise. The Mayor presented me with a scroll making me an honorary citizen of Lille. He made a speech, I made a speech, then every one had champagne.

From there we went to the Fair. There was a band composed of coal miners. The President of the coal miner's federation gave me a pick and a miner's lamp. Then their band played the Star Spangled Banner and the Marseillaise. Across from the miners in the lane down which we proceeded, was a group of Alsatians dressed in their native costumes. They gave me a bunch of roses for Evangeline.

Most of the fair exhibits were in an enormous hall. I made

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a speech on the radio wishing everybody well. From there we went into another enormous hall where we had lunch. Afterwards there was much speaking. We left at four and came back to Paris.

Late this afternoon, Jerome Zerbe came and photographed the children, dogs and ourselves. He was [redacted] entertaining. He has recently been gathering material for a book on the small chateaux and pavillons near Paris.

Dinner at Pauline Potter's apartment on the Quai Bourbon. A magnificent view of the Seine and Notre Dame, as well as a merry company.

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Monday, June 27, 1949

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I went to see a house on Rue de la Faisanderie this morning which Colonel Jacobs, of the Foreign Buildings Office, is thinking of buying as a residence for one of the higher Embassy officers. It is in fine condition, with modern equipment, and ready to move into. The price is 25 million francs or about 75 thousand dollars. Since there is a large fund of francs available for such purchases, from the liquidation of foreign assets, I assume it might be well to buy this place - at least it would save the United States Government from paying one housing allowance in dollars.

Mrs. Neale, [redacted] daughter of Admiral Colbert, head of the Coast and Geodetic Survey of the Department of Commerce, came to see me with her husband, a good looking naval aviator. I took Barry Bingham over to be introduced formally to Hervé Alphand. Phil Bonsal brought the recent cables about the inter-European payments scheme, [redacted] a subject of such controversy between the UK on the one hand, and ourselves, the Belgians, and the French, on the other. I am to try to

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familiarize myself with their contents before Averell and I go tomorrow to see Schuman and Petsche to discuss the issue.

I received fifty or sixty members of the Yale Glee Club who are giving a concert tonight. They sang a couple of songs for me, and we were afterwards all photographed in the court-yard with Benjamin Franklin in bronze - no Eli he - looking benignly on. I had not time enough for lunch, but went instead to the barber, before coming back to talk further with Bonsal about the payments question. Charlie Wrightsman - a Texan and rich oil man - visited me with his wife. He wants to give a new machine for curing tuberculosis, pneumonia, etc. somewhat along the lines of the iron lung, to a French hospital, and wanted advice as to where to donate it. This should not be too difficult. André Visson, roving editor of the Reader's Digest, talked about French recovery. [redacted] Jules James, a retired and still young-looking Vice-Admiral, who represents the National Lead Company, discussed the desirability of his corporation investing several additional million dollars in a German Company

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in which they already own a half interest. I suggested [redacted] they borrow the money in marks if they decide to go ahead. Like most advice which costs nothing, this is probably worth nothing.

General North, of the Battle Monuments Commission, with some of his pals, told me about their plans to have the FBO acquire for their operations a house on Rue Quentin Bauchart for 44 million francs ($130,000). I wished them good luck.

Then Charles Lindbergh, who is here for a short time after a motor trip through Germany. He talked interestingly about the persistency of the psychological effects of intensive bombing, and also the problems raised by major shifts of population such as have taken place in Germany. John Walker has just arrived from Italy, and he is full of ideas about how to secure the great Gulbenkian collection for the National Gallery in Washington. This is an enterprise [redacted] I would much like to have succeed, and [redacted] my mite. was an invitation to Gulbenkian's daughter and son-in-law to come to us tomorrow for cocktails. Unfortunately, the old gentleman - now 82 - is in Lisbon, so

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we cannot ply him with drink.

Ridgway Knight's beautiful wife had a son yesterday at the American Hospital and is doing well. Ridge is in fine fettle, though both are disappointed at the infant not being a girl, as she has one son by a previous marriage and he three. I wish I had such a quiverfull of boys myself to add to my present brood.

There was a vernissage of the paintings of an American artist - Emily Lowe - at the André Weil gallery, so I went there about seven. I liked some of her things, and enjoyed meeting her husband who is in the milk business. Then, Graham Martin and I went to a reception which M. Schuman was giving at the Foreign Office for the Congrès des Nations Américaines. By the time we arrived Schuman had left, so we soon did likewise, and went to Herbert Hazeltine's studio to see his equestrian statue of Field Marshal Dill, which is to go to Arlington Cemetery. Very imposing it is.

At last, I got home, and had a delightful evening with E., who, with the nurse away for six days, is looking after

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the children, and writing a magazine article between intervals of ladling out food to them. Every day we have a pile of invitations, either on the receiving or giving end, to consider. I must confess [redacted] this feature of Embassy life is mostly a nuisance and a bore. It is social big business, and requires quite a few people and lots of time to cope with it. I rather envy the Russians who are neither asked nor asking. However, with E. everything has some element of fun or humor in it. Hazeltine is an [redacted] attractive man, as well as a fine animal sculptor. When he was quite young, he rode a polo pony up the staircase of his father's palace in Rome, and it had to be lowered by a derrick from an upper window. With age, his zest for that kind of exploit has declined, but he is still [redacted] adventurous with clay.

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Tuesday, June 28, 1949

Met Bob Terrill, Francis McIntyre and Fred Strauss from Commerce, Bob Cleveland, Lane Timmons and Ed Martin (from State), and representatives of OSR this morning to discuss the French reluctance to share our views on the control of exports to the iron curtain countries. It was agreed [redacted] I would again address M. Schuman on this subject.

Averell, Phil Bonsal and I went to see M. Schuman who had Messrs Petsche, Parodi and Alphand with him, to discuss the controver- inter-European payments question, on which the UK has taken a firm stand against the French and Belgian proposal which is endorsed by us. I stayed behind to talk to M. Schuman about Indo-China, the Tunisian oil concessions, exports to Eastern Europe, the Social Security System, etc. What a fine man he is, sympathetic, direct, intelligent.

I was given a lunch at the Jockey Club by the French branch of the Society of the Cincinnati. The Duc de Broglie is President, and the others all had names more or less identified with our revolutionary war, including a descendant

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of Kosciusko. It was a pleasant meal, and the speeches were short.

John Haskell, the [redacted] nicest of men, has left Sweden, and with Paulette is passing through Paris before taking a vacation. He is returning to the Stock Exchange this autumn, and says [redacted] his year with ECA was the most enjoyable experience of his life.

Donald King, of the Cité Universitaire, came to tell me something of the work there, [redacted] then Mr. Laves of UNESCO did the same in [redacted] to his organization.

Michael Straight of the New Republic is an agreeable young man, and I had a long talk with him. Bob Joyce's brother, [redacted] a shoe manufacturer of considerable renown, told me of his plans for expanding his business in the Bordeaux area. I talked to Tommy about another 20 billion francs of counterpart for the French, to Timmons, Horace Reed, and Bob Myers, about Social Security, Woodie about some cables, and

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[redacted] arrived home just in time to greet John Walker and Mr. Gulbenkian's daughter and son-in-law, M. and Mme Essayan, who may not suspect the acquisitive designs [redacted] John has on the collection. We dined tonight with the André Dewavrins in Neuilly. André Malraux and his wife were expected, but telephoned at the last moment that he had been summoned by General de Gaulle. I was sorry since I particularly wished E. to meet him - he is a brilliant conversationalist. Mme Marcel Achard was there and we had a delightful evening. André has a small but fine collection of books, the bindings of which are remarkable. He has one or two done each year. He gave me a beauty - William Cowper's The Diverting History of John Gilpin, published in Paris by Ronald Davis in 1931, and illustrated by J.E. Laboureur.

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I saw Captain Smith-Hutton; [redacted] then Tommy and Mr. Speyman of the Treasury about counterfeiting. It seems [redacted] there are quantities of false United States bills floating about the globe, with Paris the chief centre of emission.

Lee Brady, the Cultural Attaché, is going on leave and stopped to say good-bye. Jerome Zerbe took [redacted] more pictures of us, and I got from him his list of attractive French pavillons for possible sale or rent.

Lada-Mocarski, of OSS days, stopped by, and afterwards David Schoenbrun of CBS. Paul McNutt, [redacted] handsome as ever, was in China only ten days ago, and [redacted] interesting about affairs there. Pierre Hénault, a Deputy from the Manche, propositioned me on establishing a huge war memorial near the Normandy Beaches. Daniel Mayer, the Minister of Labor, sent for me to reproach me for our law obliging employees of ECA to take an oath of non-membership in Communist or Fascist organizations, etc., and also because our alien employees do not contribute to the French Social Security System. I tried to

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explain to him, one, that we were bound by the law, and, two, that ECA employees were paid extra so [redacted] they could [redacted] their own Social Security charges. I promised to give him a memorandum on the subject, and withdrew in good order.

The U.S. Delegation to the International Telephone and Telegraph Conference, in which Wayne Coy is the chief actor, gave a cocktail party this afternoon at the Hotel Continental, which was [redacted] pleasant.

Tonight, we went to a dinner in the garden of the Cercle Interallié. It was a beautiful sight. I sat between Mme de Castellane and Mme de Noailles.

To bed about 2 a.m.

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Thursday, June 30, 1949

Started off the morning by resolving the vexed question of whether or not I should attend a ceremony on Sunday in honor of General Patton's memory at which General de Gaulle is to preside. There will be no French Government representation, and none of the French officers on the active list will be present. A great deal of chatter has gone on as to my intentions, [redacted] but it was all settled when a cable arrived saying [redacted] the Secretary of the Treasury would arrive here Sunday at 10 A.M. Averell and I are to meet him, and Red O'Hare will watch the unveiling of the statue.

We had our first staff meeting this morning. Yesterday I [redacted] visited the Economic Section of the Embassy, and found it [redacted] understaffed to cope successfully with the work it should be performing.

I have just completed my voucher for entertainment expenses from June 15 to June 30. The Government allows me $429.00 for that period. The total official expenses, for which I personally make up the difference, were $1132.50.

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I made my official call on the Canadian Ambassador today. What a delightful, fine man General Vanier is.

For lunch we had sixteen or eighteen people at the house, Gov. Gen. Paul McNutt, and his attractive wife, John Walker, Alexandra Moore, the Elie de Talleyrands, Bill Youngman, Mrs. Neal Starr, Jacqueline Obendorff, M. Anteonou, the Charles Schneiders, and others.

This afternoon I saw Timmons and Myers about Daniel Mayer's concern over the Social Security system investigation by ECA. Woodie and Bill Tyler went over the cable I had written at 2 o'clock this morning about the presentation of the French case re MAP to Congress.

John Loeb, of the New York brokerage firm, called, and afterwards, the Papal Nuncio came to see me. He is so jolly and rubicund, with much warmth and humor, very hot in his heavy and ornate vestments. Teddy White of the Overseas News Agency had a friendly talk with me, as did Charles Harper, a young University of Virginia student whose uncle is an old friend of mine. Next was Volney Hurd of the Christian Science Monitor, and last were

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Morancé and his inseparable pal from the Societé des Hautes Etudes Américaines.

Thus about seven-thirty concluded the office day and I went off to cocktails with the Press Attaché, who was entertaining the French press.

Tonight to the Vilmorins' at Verrière. A beautiful party in the house built by Louis XIV for Louise de la Vallière and surrounded by 400 acres of garden, flowers, seed beds, etc. that make up the Vilmorin horticultural establishment.

Lulu was a perfect hostess, and the guests were of varied interests. Julian Green, the famous author and his wife, the Marcel Achards, the Duff Coopers, Mme de Montesquiou, Gaston Palewski, the Swiss Minister and wife, Marie Blanche, Princess Chavachadze, etc.

To bed about 2 a.m.

Lulu gave me a most beautiful book - the manuscript with verses and drawings of the brochure "L'Opera de l'Odorat" which she has just done for Lanvin.

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Friday, July 1, 1949

Off to Orly this morning to meet Jack McCloy, who is on his way to Germany. He, Averell and I came back together, and we lunched at the Embassy, with Chauncey Parker, Mr. McClain and Lt. Col. Gerhardt.

At about 5 p.m. we took McCloy back to Orly to emplane for Frankfurt. He will be a pillar of strength to the Allied Governments.

Thereafter, I got through a good bit of work before dining with Maria and Carlos Martins. They had about 24 guests - the Mayor of Neuilly and his wife, the Martinez de Hoz (she exquisitely beautiful), Maurice and Mme Petsche etc.

Afterwards, E. and I went to a dance at Schiaparelli's in her house on rue de Berri. Her garden was a mass of balloons, including a large one like the London barrage balloons. An unforgettable sight.

To bed about 2 a.m.

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Saturday, July 2, 1949

Mr. Zeff, the tailor, came to see me at nine this morning to show me [redacted] samples. Then Mr. Binswanger of Philadelphia, with powerful political connections, threw some light on French merchandising methods, before I went over to see M. Schuman to discuss Secretary Snyder's trip. Went just before lunch to Consie Mottinguer's for the wedding of June Dunderdale.

We lunched at 1 rue St. Dominique, which is, all in all, the finest house I have seen in Paris. Great individuality and purity of architecture, and wonderful taste displayed by the old gentleman, Baron Blancas, in collecting.

After going to an exhibition - and none too good it was - by a G.I. painter named Chadbourne, I worked at the office most of the afternoon, bought a few architectural books and arrived home for a cocktail party we were giving. E. went to Chantilly for the Bal de la Venerie, and I stayed here to work and sleep.

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Sunday, July 3, 1950

What Heaven Paris would be if one had no definite occupation. I long to lie late abed and then to dawdle all day. Perhaps that time will come, but not this morning for I was up at eight, ready to go to Orly and meet Secretary Snyder. After being shaved and cleansed, word came, as is almost invariably the case, that the flight had been delayed and [redacted] they would arrive at noon. I found Petsche, Averell, and Carlos Martins, the Brazilian Ambassador, there.

We collected John Snyder and Bill Martin, as well as a shipload of Treasury officials.

After John Snyder had [redacted] a brushup, we reconvened at Averell's and talked about European finance. Later E. and I went to the Palais Mazarin and, returning by the Quais, bought a few books.

Dinner tonight at the Residence. Snyder, Harriman, Bingham, [redacted] Martin, Tomlinson, Tasca, Glendenning, Sarson, and Willis of the Treasury.

To bed at 1 a.m.

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Monday, July 4, 1949

A scorching hot day. The service attachés and I were at [redacted] Picpus Cemetery this morning to celebrate Independance Day at Lafayette's tomb - a traditional ceremony. It was also traditional that Charles de Chambrun, a Lafayette descendant, should make a long and windy speech to which I responded in kind.

We picked up John Snyder at the Crillon, and started on a round of wreath laying. The first was at George Washington's statue on the Place d'Iéna, the next on Rochambeau's statue, and finally on a statue in the Place des Etats-Unis dedicated to Americans who had fought in the French Armies. At this final stop, I made a speech, and, rather parched by then, took Messrs. Snyder, Hillman and Tomlinson to the Residence where we knocked off a bottle of champagne.

But the big event of the day about which there is jabbering, and much preparation, weeks in advance, is the afternoon reception [redacted] we are holding this year in the garden at 41 rue du Faubourg St. Honoré. Everything about this party is on a grand scale. We had 5000 cards printed for invitations, the chef with a horde

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of extras has confected over 37,000 items of food, such as tarts, cakes, cakelettes, sandwiches, and hundreds of canoe-shaped horrors, supposedly edible, adorned with the American flag. In the kitchen, the crescendo occurred last night when nobody went to bed, but beat out, basted, turned, baked until sunrise. On the wine side, I called in Boyer, and we decided upon a punch composed of ten parts of white wine, one of cointreau and one of brandy. Two thousand bottles of wine and two hundred each of cointreau and of brandy will do this trick, with two thousand bottles of Coca-Cola for the teetotallers, as well as bathtubs of fruit juices.

Of course, having asked thousands of people, and all Americans in addition being free to come, a few who had not received special invitations began calling the Embassy and saying [redacted] they were hurt at being ignored. It is a little like complaining at not being particularly notified that meals are served at the New York Pennsylvania Railroad station.

As nearly as one could compute, about eight thousand people

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arrived. It was a beautiful bright afternoon. I think [redacted] E and I must have shaken hands with at least four thousand of them. When we left at 8:15 there seemed to be no [redacted] diminution of their numbers, but we were assured [redacted] the crowd would disperse shortly after we departed. This proved to be a great mistake, because [redacted] the premises were not entirely vacated until 10:30. I do not know what happened to the security precautions, but it seems that disgraceful incidents took place after we left. Drunks were plentiful and visitors invaded the house.

Meanwhile, we had gone at 9 p.m. to the annual dance of France Amérique, whence we went on to a pleasant party and dance at the American house at the Cité Universitaire. We finally got to bed at 1:30. It was quite a day.

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Tuesday, July 5, 1949.

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The morning opened by my talking to the labor attachés from various Embassies and Legations in Europe. Then I saw Nathan Straus of New York, who is going to do [redacted] broadcasts in France, and an attractive couple, Mayor de Lesseps Morrison and his wife, from New Orleans.

I lunched at Averell's, with Lew Douglas, who [redacted] arrived this morning from London, John Snyder and Bill Martin. We hashed things over until four, when I attended to Embassy business, before going to the Faculté de Droit, at the Place du Panthéon, where Mr. Holman, President of the American Bar Association presented a library of law books to the French Bar Association. There were numbers of long and good speeches. I returned home at a quarter to eight, threw on my evening clothes, and we went to a dinner in the flamboyant rooms of the Ministry of Finance, given by M. Petsche for Mr. Snyder. It was a wonderful dinner, gastronomically speaking, and highly entertaining. I sat between Maria Martins and Jacqueline Patenôtre.

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Coming back from the Panthéon, I saw some of the early revellers of the Quatz'Arts Ball which takes place tonight. They were circulating about the Montparnasse quarter, dressed or rather undressed, as Indians or Japanese warriors, with smears of paint, dotted with circles, stars, etc. the only visible garments being loin cloths.

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Wednesday, July 6, 1949

My first visitor was my old friend Ted Curtis, of the Eastern Kodak Company, which employs about 4000 people in France. Then Messrs Snyder, Harriman, Douglas, Martin and myself went to see M. Schuman for a talk on the British situation. As always, he was frank and cooperative.

Wilfrid Baumgartner had a large lunch in honor of John Snyder at the Bank of France, and John made an excellent speech. After several interviews with tourists, E. and I acted as witnesses at the civil marriage of Ruth Schuyler and Lane Timmons, [redacted] celebrated by my friend the Mayor of the First Arrondissement, who utilized the occasion to make [redacted] an oration on Marshall Plan Aid, in which Lane and I were introduced as heroes of the piece. Fresh from this matrimonial venture, I conferred with Messrs Snyder, Harriman, Martin, Douglas and Tommy on the [redacted] financial questions which John is investigating. I took him off to the Residence, where we had a reception for the Labor Attachés, Jim Carey, and some of his friends, the labor delegations from

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the Harriman and the ECA French Mission, as well as [redacted] leaders of the Anti-Communist trade unions in France, to say nothing of a couple of dozen other citizens such as Senator and Mrs. Ellender of Louisiana. After a quick change, we accompanied John to dinner at Daisy de Contades'. The house is deceptively small on the outside, but behind it is a huge garden with a music pavilion and a swimming pool - almost unbelievable in the heart of Paris.

When not engaged on serious business, John Snyder is gay as a lark - full of humor and affectionate in manner. He is great fun to be with.

We had a long talk with Schuman this morning about finances. Archie Macleish's young son, Peter, came to ask for help in procuring a French auto driver's license. He is travelling with Bob Lovett's boy whom I hope to meet later.

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Thursday, July 7, 1949

Harry St. Leger, once of OSS, inveigled me into attending, at the Sorbonne this morning, the plenary meeting of the International Standardization Organization of which he is Secretary. The Garde Républicaine orchestra was in fine tone, and President Auriol presided. I left after a couple of long orations, and had a visit from Dr. Lovelace, a famous surgeon from Albuquerque, introduced by Senators Chavez and Anderson. [redacted] He had stayed with Jim at Buenos Aires in January. This is Chavez day, for I next received Mrs. Herman, who is in Paris for eight weeks to paint. She wanted advice about teachers. Irving Brown told me of [redacted] the plans of himself and his associates about anti-communist trade union activity.

John Snyder had a press conference at 5, which he handled [redacted] well. I went with him to say good-bye to Petsche, and, afterwards, we went to Petsche's for drinks. We had been somewhat late for our appointment at the Finance Ministry, and John told us to be philosophical; it reminded him of the time when in Missouri executions of criminals in country districts

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were well-attended neighborhood events. On one such occasion, the intended victim was seated on a coffin in a horse-drawn cart that was making its way slowly toward the hanging place. A young boy, running hard, was about to pass the cart when his shoe fell off. He retrieved it and started again in a tremendous hurry, paying no attention to anyone or anything about him. The prisoner called to him: "Sonny, what in the world are you in such a scurry about?" The boy answered: "I'm going to see a guy get hung, and I'm late". The coffin sitter said: "Don't worry yourself, my boy, there ain't anything going to happen till I get there."

John said he had spent his morning "going from figures to figures", in other words from the Treasury offices to a dressmaker's collection.

Tonight, we had a dinner, which the Secretary and Bill Martin came to, as well as Mrs. Joseph Davies, Eleanor Tydings, Eleanor de Bekessy, Ambassador and Mrs. Myron Taylor, the Dutch Ambassador, the Swiss Minister and Mme Burckhardt, the Canadian Ambassador and Mme Vanier, the Mayor

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of New Orleans and Mrs. de Lesseps Morrison, Sue Rosenberg, Shirley Woodward, Eric Taff, Paul-Louis Weiller. Many of them went on to the theatrical performance at Versailles in which Denise Mayer is so interested. E. said it was lovely.

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Friday, July 8, 1949

Up at 6:30, and saw John, Bill Martin, Averell et al off at Orly at 8 a.m. en route to London. At the office by 8:30, I had a superb opportunity to demolish a mass of papers before talking to General Revers, the French Chief of Staff who visited me chiefly to discuss his recent trip to Indo-China. We had a lunch for Josephine Forrestal, to which Frank Giles, Marie Harriman, Ted and Agnes Curtis, John Galliher, the Chambers, and others came. In the afternoon I saw Mr. Kasmer, of Pittsburgh, a friend of Howard McGrath, who was indignant because his military permit to enter Germany had been so long delayed; Mr. Strelsin, a writer and engineer with [redacted] letters of introduction from several Congressmen, Ray Brittenham, an international lawyer who once worked for me in OSS, Loren Carroll, with his boss Malcolm Muir, head of Newsweek, Maurice Ferro, the Washington correspondent of Le Monde and other papers, and M. Gagnière, my great antique friend who had come to repair a clock.

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Saturday, July 9, 1949

Mrs. Ekstrom talked about an American Art season in Paris next Spring. I like the idea of having our best artists of every sort here, including the ballet, composers, etc. but it will require a deal of organization. Myron Taylor discussed his duties as the President's Personal Representative to the Pope. He is 75 years old and has, I think, become mentally fatigued by his responsibilities and travels.

E. and I left immediately after lunch for Paul-Louis Weiller's at Versailles, where we found Mona Williams, Louise de Vilmorin, M. Henri Samuel and Prince Ghika. We went on at once to Weiller's Chateau of St. Vigor, built by Louis XIV for his children's nurse, who was said to have had an especially exuberant lactal flow. Samuel is now living in it, and it is a beautiful place. We returned to Paris at 3:30 and went straight to the wedding of Ruth Schuyler and Lane Timmons. It was a quiet and satisfactory service. I was best man, and E. and I were the witnesses. Afterwards, we gave them a wedding reception at the Residence, where lots of our mutual friends

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ate cake and drank champagne.

We dined at Versailles with the indestructible Elsie Mendl, and a phalanx of other people. She had a showing of Arthur Rank's picture "Oliver Twist", in her music-swimming pool pavillon. It was a heavenly evening, clear and moderately cool. General Charles Lindeman drove out and back with us, and we talked a lot about fishing.

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Sunday, July 10, 1949

A hot fine day. Will it never rain? The crops have already suffered greatly from weeks of uninterrupted sunshine, [redacted] perfect for [redacted] tourists, but ruinous to this country's agricultural economy. E. and I had an ideal morning, catching up on our respective arrears of reading, [redacted] then lunching in the garden on Hors d'Oeuvre and cheese. We visited the wine cellar, where the installation of our bottles is almost completed. It is rather a good collection of wines and spirits, I think. In the more ordinary categories, [redacted] it was reinforced by the arrival yesterday of 50 cases of gin, 20 cases of Bourbon, and 20 cases of Sherry. The total number of bottles now in place is about 5,500, which at the present rate of consumption should last a little over one year. After lunch we went to Versailles to see the Pavillon de Musique de Madame. It is beautiful but rundown, and badly furnished. Then we took the St. Cyr road and tried to see the Pavillon de la Lanterne. The guardian was away, so all we could do was observe it from

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the outside. It is simple and lovely, as well as being situated on the edge of the park.

After dinner we unpacked trunks containing belongings from E's Uncle Harold's estate, which she and Virginia are to divide tomorrow.

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Monday, July 11, 1949

Mike Harris, now Chief of the ECA Mission to Sweden, came in this morning. He is getting along well with Doc Matthews, the Ambassador, but finds some of the Embassy staff are openly disdainful of the Swedes, and have little contact with the Social Democrats who run the Government.

I called on M. Bogomolov, the Soviet Ambassador, in his fine house on Rue de Grenelle. It was a beautiful, hot day so we sat out in his beautiful, hot garden. Bogomolov was once an University professor, and we talked of federalism in the early days of the United States. He spoke entirely in French, saying his English was rusty. He told me a great deal about the use through cooperatives of agricultural machinery in Russia. They have 108 languages in Russia, and all decrees and laws are published in 18 different languages. We had a long and amiable conversation, but I left with the feeling he would just as soon cut my throat as look at me. From there, I went to the Portuguese Ambassador, stopping on the way to pick up on approval an 18th Century bust of

Henri IV at 35,000 francs. In the Portuguese Embassy I found a different breed of cat from that in the Soviet. The Ambassador was almost sweet in his cordiality, and I liked him at once. We had [redacted] port together, and spent the rest of my visit discussing antiques, of which he is a passionate collector.

I lunched at the Automobile Club. Afterwards, the Mayor of Versailles, with a small delegation, arrived to ask me to become President of a Committee to raise funds to complete the Pershing-Lafayette Memorial where all is finished except the bronze statues.

Ray Dickey has returned from his travels, of investigation of small business prospects under ECA. Then I had M. Gachon of Agence France-Presse, an alert fellow whom I see often. He was followed by Herbert Matthews of the New York Times London bureau who is going home to join the editorial staff in New York. Messrs Brady, Sheehan, and Gerry of the National City Bank called, and later Curtis Calder, [redacted], Chairman of Electric Bond and Share, who recently refused the offer of the Secretaryship of the Army. Major Easley introduced

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his successor, Lt. Colonel Cone. Bob Ducas and Wayne Taylor came to say good-bye, and so it went.

Upon returning home, I found Louise de Vilmorin, her sister-in-law and niece, and Marie Louise Bousquet having tea with Evangeline.

An early night; [redacted] to bed at 11:30.

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Tuesday, July 12, 1949

Another blazing hot day. This almost perfect weather for tourists has persisted for three weeks, to the detriment of the crops. We had a staff meeting this morning, [redacted] then I went to the British Embassy for a long talk with Sir Oliver Harvey. He is pleased with the present government's action, and [redacted] by the situation which exists in France today as contrasted with a year ago.

Saw Glen Morehouse, and afterwards Mr. Hartman of the A.P. who is apparently doing a profile sketch of me for the Richmond Times Despatch. Later Dr. Lowrie and Mr. Southwick called to invite me to speak at a lunch of the University Club which they are in the process of reconstituting. Jacqueline Patenôtre came to plead that her divorced husband, who is now apparently dying of arterio-sclerosis in New York - at the age of 47 - be allowed to return to France. The U.S.Government is suing him for income tax fraud. Wallace Whittaker, head of the International Hotels Corp. (Pan American) reported on developments in that field. Neil Vanderbilt (vagabonding Vanderbilt as he

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likes to be termed) gave me his impression of economic matters in Italy - they seemed to me both inaccurate and puerile. Dr. Albert Bur, former Mayor of Strasbourg and an old acquaintance, asked me to visit Alsace and make a speech in a cemetery there in the autumn, which I accepted.

Thence to Ave. d'Iena, where we had a cocktail party for three to four hundred people. Most of those invited were French Government officials.

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Wednesday, July 13, 1949

Hervé Alphand came to see me this morning with a communication from Schuman on East-West trade controls which seems satisfactory. We went to Jouy, near Versailles, to lunch with the Léon Blums. He is an attractive old philosopher with great personal charm. When we left they gave us the only thing remaining from their long captivity - a decorated tin cup. His action was sweet and touching. They live in a small house remodelled from an old barn. It is so peaceful and comfortable. The Germans took his large library away the day after they entered Paris, and the books were never recovered. However, he has again accumulated thousands.

I saw Bill Conkright who is being shifted to ECA, Korea. Then Mr. Muir of the Whaley-Eaton Service, Jim Knowlson, President of the Business Advisory Committee of the Department of Commerce, André Laguerre, head of Time Magazine in France, M. Chailleux and a friend, who were French OSS agents, Bill Stoneman of the Chicago Daily News, Hargrove of the Wall Street Journal, Charles McCormick of Baltimore who has been attending

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the ILO meeting at Geneva, Boris Shishkin and Bert Jewell on labor matters, and finally Parodi at the Foreign Office, to discuss an atomic energy question. At 9 we went to dine with the Marcel Boussacs in their apartment on Boulevard Maurice Barrès. Their roof offers one of the most superb views I have ever seen.

Petsche, Baumgartner and others were there. The food was excellent, the wines superb; everything in magnums, the 1929 Chateau Mouton Rothschild was especially good.—

I have some in magnums at Staunton Hill.

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Thursday, July 14, 1949

Sallied forth at ni[illegible] with the Military, Naval, and Air attachés, to the rev[illegible]g stand in the Champs Elysées to watch the passage of the troops. The Government, Diplomatic Corps and the French populace were out in great force. The march past was applauded, and there were just enough cavalry, footsoldiers, tanks, artillery and aeroplanes to excite one's interest without deadening it. The review took about an hour, whereafter we adjourned to the Residence for a bottle of champagne, before going on to the Elysée to shake hands with President Auriol and [redacted] wander about his garden. Auricl told me [redacted] his pheasant raising at Rambouillet is still going on well, and [redacted] he expects to make me one of his shooting companions this autumn.

This afternoon E and I, accompanied by Maurice and "the boys" (Brucie and Carlos) went from Orly in the Air Attaché's plane C-47 to San Raphael (a French military airfield). It took about three hours down the Rhone valley.

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The weather was splendid, [redacted] the countryside and views perfection. We drove 30 or 40 kilometres to Beauvallon, [redacted] between St. Tropez and Ste. Maxime. It is a quiet place, with a fair beach. We found the children brown as berries and [redacted] happy. The Villa Laetitia, which Mrs. Sparling the owner has lent or leased us - it is rather indefinite which - for two months, is set back from the sea, and is airy and comfortable.

For three days we lazed in the incessant sunshine with great content, [redacted] heightened by Woodie calling me from Paris to say that word had come from Washington [redacted] I was not to go there next week to testify on the Military Assistance Program.

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Monday, July 18, 1949

We left Beauvallon regretfully this morning at 8 a.m. to return to Paris, where I had an engagement to lunch with Jamie and [redacted] George Kennan, who has been staying at the Residence during our absence. We had been aloft a half hour or so when we found the weather ahead bad, and the sky filled with thunderstorms. We descended at Istres, near Marseilles, to get reports from Orly. As they were discouraging, E and I went into Marseilles and lunched at Le Caribou on a wonderful loup de mer. We then went to the Consulate, and met all the personnel. By 5 o'clock the weather had lifted, and we were able to take off again, arriving in Paris about eight and having Jamie and George for dinner. The FBO is thinking of acquiring a site for a consular office at Marseilles. I went all over and around it. It is almost completely surrounded by the red-light district, and apparently there is an average of a murder a night in the immediate neighborhood.

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Tuesday, July 19, 1949

I returned to the office this morning to find an impressive mass of accumulated correspondence. As always, it is impossible to address oneself to anything here without interruption. Saw numbers of people, had a staff meeting, [redacted] then went home to lunch with E. and Ma. and Mme Petsche. Petsche and I discussed, as usual, the French financial situation, the complexities of which are always fascinating. He has great charm, and a highly developed sense of humor. If one can judge by appearances, his health is so bad [redacted] he cannot live long; his ankles are swollen, his face is purple, he is ordered to be on a strict diet to which, being a true gourmet, he pays little attention, and yet after almost a year of the most gruelling work he seems stronger than before.

This afternoon, I saw Miss Olmstead and others interested in the Saint Lo hospital, a group from the Western Union Telegraph Company, M. André Thomas, Captain Parker, Brennan McChesney, a friend of Senator Byrd named Flersheim, Messrs Reed, Bingham, Blum et al of ECA France, and others.

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Wednesday, July 20, 1949

I saw Mr. Ferruzzi this morning about the Residence household accounts, [redacted] then Norris Chipman. Trafford Klotz, to my great pleasure, came by and rode to the Chinese Embassy with me, where I was to pay a formal call on the jovial Ambassador. We spoke of China, regarding whose troubles he was philosophical, [redacted] then looked at the beautiful porcelains [redacted] in the reception rooms. I returned to the office, and saw Chester Dale, [redacted] we gabbled about paintings, before going to lunch at Porquerolles where E. and I gobbled Mediterranean loup de mer.

An enterprising character, Mr. Schleisman, informed me of a scheme for export and import between France and the United States, Malcolm White of the Bizonal Delegation came to say good-bye, James McGraw, of McGraw Hill and Company, talked international economics, the [redacted] Ambassador returned my recent call (I must say we laughed a lot, but did not mention politics), Arthur Kimball of the State Department dealt with some administrative problems, and so on and so forth.

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Tonight, Margaret Biddle was having a party on the Seine on a boat, but as I didn't get home until 8:30 I skipped it. E. and Josephine Forbes, who is staying with us, went and reported, at about midnight, [redacted] it had been great fun.

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Thursday, July 21, 1949

By interfering with the due processes of digestion I made an early start, and spent a few minutes at [redacted] Neuville's print shop before proceeding to the workshop. The Minister to Iraq visited me, and I saw Douty, the new CIO labor man at the French Mission. [redacted]

We lunched with Hardi and John Hughes at the Ritz - a large gathering, mostly French, including the author André Labarthe.

Don Coster came in the afternoon to talk about the possibility of his leaving [redacted] private business and coming with ECA. Then 22 year old Mr. Hobson from Richmond, who had applied for a two month job with ECA. He informed me that my cousin Kathleen Bruce was slowly dying of leukemia. Mr. Reed, of the United Mine Workers, was introduced to me by Boris Shishkin. They were a half hour late, which makes scheduling difficult. Mr. Gebelt of UNESCO was a caller, as was Desser, the AFL representative in the ECA French Mission. Mr. Boynton of General Electric and Walter W. Generazzo, national President of the Watchworkers

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Union, with letters of introduction from the Secretary of Labor and Cabot Lodge.

This is all very well, but there is little time left to attend to State Department work. I read late at night, every night, documents [redacted] I cannot get around to during the day. A lot of people who come to see an Ambassador, usually with letters of introduction that cannot and should not be disregarded, do so out of frustration over not knowing where to take up a specific matter. Mr. Gebelt, for example, was worried over the strategic implications of a projected railway tunnel in the Alps. He came to me because he could not think of another place to deposit his fears.

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Friday, July 22, 1949

I received a return call from the delightful Portuguese Ambassador, and we resumed our former conversation about the merits of Compagnie des Indes porcelain. I inspected this morning the premises, and met the personnel of the Army, Navy and Air Attachès offices.

This afternoon, I saw Captain Parker, [redacted] then Mr. Gong the Chargé d'Affaires of the Korean Republic. I feel sorry for him, because he has arrived here on a [redacted] limited budget, and has not sufficient funds to lease or buy a resting place, or to house his staff. He speaks English fluently, and seems [redacted] amiable. Dr. Joseph Schwarz of the Jewish Joint Distribution Commission, whom I have seen before, gave me some interesting [redacted] Jewish population statistics. He estimates [redacted] there are only 15,000 German native Jews left in that country. Mr. Dudley, our Ambassador to Liberia, told me of the difficulties being experienced by the Stettinius group, who have run out of capital for their Liberian Corporation, which is a great pity. They are now attempting to inject [redacted] fresh blood and money

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into the enterprise.

Saw Mr. Thomas Codman of Boston, [redacted] brother of Ogden Codman. They are both in their eighties.

I went around and shook hands with every one in the political section, as a sort of warm up for our weekly cocktail party to which about 350 or so people had been asked.

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Saturday, July 29, 1950

I stopped at my favorite print shop, [redacted] Neuville, on Place Beauvau for a hurried look around this morning, [redacted] then went on to the office, where I had a long talk with Wilfrid Baumgartner, Governor of the Bank of France, about the financial situation. [redacted] I went to see Paul Devinat at the Hotel Matignon to discuss Atomic Energy matters. On the way back, I stopped to see Averell, who is leaving tonight for a quick trip to Washington. As always, he was wise, and comprehensive in his outlook. He is a remarkable man, with an intricate and [redacted] attractive personality. I shall always be grateful to him for his many kindnesses.

Also saw Dick Bissell who is leaving shortly. Aside from his brilliance as a technician, he is such an agreeable talker and charming individual.

M. Pignon, the High-Commissioner for Indo-China, M. de Perera, who is engaged in the same line of work in the Ministry of Overseas Territories, Jamie and Boswell lunched with me. We were [redacted] favorably impressed by Pignon; he was frank and

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factual. The situation there has [redacted] improved, and there is some [redacted] chance [redacted] Bao Dai may succeed - what a change from eight months ago.

There was the shank end of an afternoon for antiquing, so E. and I went over to a china place and committed a few follies. We tried to see the Gauguin exhibition, but were too late.

Tonight E., Josephine and I dined at Robert and Colette Gérard's in Rue Bayard. Lowell and Mary Weicker, Mrs. Peggy Phipps Douglas, Rodolph and Odette Hottinguer, Jean Hottinguer and Baumgartner were there, and we had a [redacted] pleasant evening.

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Sunday, July 24, 1949

Having sworn to myself to sleep until noon I was up at 8. Another blazing hot day, which has been standard procedure for so long [redacted] one has almost forgotten what rain looks like. The verdure has dried up everywhere, the wheat crop was harvested two weeks or more ahead of schedule, [redacted] pasturage is insufficient, and altogether the drought [redacted] except for vacationers, is proving [redacted] unfortunate although not yet disastrous.

Virginia and Ashley came for lunch; [redacted] tonight we went to dinner at the Hervé Alphand's lovely mill house beyond Maintenon. It was fun, [redacted] especially since enchanting Eve Curie was there.

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Monday, July 25, 1950

My old friend Bob Williams from Baltimore came to see me this morning. I was an usher at his wedding more years ago than I care to remember. Then Frank Hol[illegible], formerly of OSS, called. Thereafter three of the Herald Tribune men, who had told me a hair-raising story yesterday, arrived to report developments, and to map out a plan of campaign to discover and capture Borman, Hitler's understudy.

I went to see the Italian Ambassador, Quaroni, in his beautiful house at 47 rue de Varenne, which makes one covet one's neighbor's goods. His consulate is across the street, in Talleyrand's old house. The Ambassador seems [redacted] intelligent; his English is fluent and idiomatic; the belief is that he is quite anti-American. We talked of the Franco-Italian Customs Union, fter a long stay in the realm of antique collecting.

Arne Ekstrom told me of his impending retirement. It is bad luck, as is Dan Reagan's. Ekstrom's wife has been almost hopelessly ill for years of some obscure malady. She

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is better in Paris under the care of her present doctors than anywhere else, so he feels [redacted] he cannot make a change of post.

General Haislip, U. S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff, came to say good-bye; he is [redacted] genial. Then Messrs Nagal and Martineau, French publishers, presented me with their new Guide Bleu. Almost every day or so, an author or publisher makes me a gift of a book; it seems to be an old French custom. James Loeb, of the Americans for Democratic Action, introduced by a letter from Franklin Roosevelt Jr., called in. Holcomb came with a pal for a return visit; then Miss Leet of Reid Hall, and Bill Tyler, about the dilemma of the American School, which is seeking new premises. At 7:15 I made a short broadcast recording for the United States in connection with CARE, and was photographed with Douglas Fairbanks, Chairman of CARE.

Jane Bland arrived this morning from Germany, [redacted] to spend [redacted] about a week with us. We had a lunch today at the Embassy; Josephine, Grant Forbes and Griselda, the Harold Coolidges, Jane, the Bill Pattens, Nat Bartlett, etc.

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Tuesday, July 26, 1949

A staff meeting this morning, [redacted] afterwards a call from M. Japy, Director of Architecture of the Domaine of Versailles, who was sent here by the Minister of Public Education to talk to me about the Pavillon de la Lanterne at Versailles. Packy McFarland (Chicago-OSS) rode up with me to the George V where I paid my respects to the Urugayan Ambassador, M. Blanco, a gentle, elderly diplomat, who [redacted] served a long time in Washington. His sprightly daughter told me, as had her father previously, that she greatly regretted leaving Washington, as she had much more fun and liberty there than in Paris.

I picked up E., and we made a dash to the country to see La Lanterne, which M. Japy opened for us. It is perfection for our tastes, and I hope [redacted] we can lease it. We stopped on the way back at Cabassud, near Ville d'Avray, for a hasty lunch. This pleasant restaurant has not changed in 25 years, and probably still is the haunt of lovely ladies if

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their boy friends are sufficiently rich to entertain [redacted] in private suites.

A CIA representative was waiting for me at the office. Next was a delegation from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, succeeded b. Jack Harris (Publisher-OSS). Ferd Eberstadt came in to introduce a Frenchman in connection with an interesting invention. Next Glen Morehouse, [redacted] then the Chinese Ambassador with whom I made a date to ply chopsticks. Tom McKittrick is back, and is going to help ECA over the British situation. Upon leaving him, I went to Boulogne-sur-Seine to celebrate Liberian Independence Day at their Legation. It was a fine party.

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Wednesday, July 27, 1949

The weather is still hot and dry, as it has been for many weeks. My first visitor this morning was Joseph E. Davies. He told me of meeting years ago a burly Gauleiter in Gydynia. Somehow the conversation turned on Roumania, and the Gauleiter disgustedly said: "Yes, there is Kleptomania, there is Nymphomania - and there is Roumania".

I had several matters to take up with M. Parodi at the Foreign Office, but before doing so went to see Baron Guillaume the Belgian Ambassador at his [redacted] Embassy. He was, as always, [redacted] cordial.

A delegation of Poles, headed by M. Pulaski, former Polish Minister to France, came to see me, and made a deposit of tracts dealing with the Polish Library situation in Paris. Bob Solberg, full of ideas, followed; [redacted] then I received the Bolivian Ambassador, who is a dandy fellow.

Tonight, we went with Jane and Robert de Billy for a "gouter" at the Little Trianon in Versailles. The whole evening

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was perfection, and we concluded it by driving through the grounds in our cars, emerging via the porte-cochère into the great central courtyard.

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Went to look at an office building on Rue de la Boetie which the Foreign Buildings Office is thinking of acquiring. Although it gives the impression of being slightly dark, I am strongly in favor of buying it. It is spacious, and besides, is the only unoccupied office building for sale, as far as we know, in Paris. I went to see the Chilean Ambassador in his [redacted] big house on Avenue de La Motte Picquet. [redacted] He has promised to send me some Chilean wine. I lunched with André Dewavrin, and some of the French Ferguson Tractor, and Radical Socialist people, including one of the Vice-Presidents of the Radical Party.

Roy Lord, [redacted] the SOS General in France after Liberation came to see me. Then Dr. Cayley, an Alabaman who is studying the French Social Security system. Molly Bruce, Albert's girl, who is making a bicycle tour of Europe called, very pretty she is, and then Boyer with whom I had a long talk about wines.

Tonight the Joe Davies, the Douglas Fairbanks, Baumgartners and others for dinner.

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I had a conversation this morning with Dave Zellerbach, Chief of the ECA mission in Italy. He gave me a glass cocktail shaker, known as the "Zellerbach Special", made by Salviati in Venice. It is in the form of a large teapot. I have ordered some of them as presents.

M. Raphael Raphael,

I called on the Greek Ambassador/ 17 rue Auguste Vacquerie. He is an old hand at diplomacy, but says he can do no real work in Paris, since he spends most of his time receiving his compatriots, a situation [redacted] familiar to an American Ambassador.

Mr. Lebel, on his way to the Aeronautical Radio Conference at Geneva came to see me, then Loren Carroll, and afterwards Frank Giles. We gave a large reception in the late afternoon at the residence.

The print dealers, [redacted] Neuville & Cie, have offered us two [redacted] attractive paintings: one is an 18th century view of the Porte St. Martin neighborhood in Paris at 85,000 francs, and the other a small 18th century portrait of the Comte de la Luzerne,

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Minister of Marine under Louis XVI, who had so much to do with the Rochambeau expedition to the then American colonies. It is 45,000 francs.

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The French Government narrowly escaped falling yesterday afternoon over the question of paid vacations for Social Security Administration employees, a measure tactlessly and foolishly promulgated by Daniel Mayer without consultation with his colleagues. The vote was 289 to 286. It now looks as if Parliament might adjourn in a couple of days and remain away until October, during which time M. Queuille and his Cabinet ought to be able to do some necessary work.

I had a lunch today at the Residence for General Juin (Governor of Morocco), his associates, Colonels Edon and de la Chapelle, Jamie and Ridgway. We discussed North Africa, colonialism, etc. at great length and, I hope, not idly.

Jane Bland left tonight.

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Sunday, July 31, 1949

A really lazy day. I have read continuously, or written letters, and disposed of reports, most of which I should have read earlier.

Tonight, Stanley Woodward, Chief of Protocol at the State Department, came to dinner. He is leaving tomorrow to join Shirley at their house at Salzburg. This is the idlest, in a physical and conversational sense, day I have passed in Paris in more than a year, and has consequently been most satisfactory.

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Monday, August 1, 1949.

I went to visit the USIS at 41 Faubourg Saint Honoré. The former owner, Baron Maurice de Rothschild, after selling the property, is said to have taken out the marble staircase, most of the plumbing, and the best of the boiseries. When this was discovered, a reduction was made in the purchase price, but the result is that, if the house were to be used as a residence, a large amount of money would have to be spent even to restore it to the condition it was in at the time of purchase.

Andrew N. Overby, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, came to see me. He believes preliminary conversations must be held before the Foreign Ministers meet in Washington in September for the fund and bank conferences. He thinks these conversations should result in outlining a program, especially in connection with the British difficulties, that would be

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agreed upon by the major Powers concerned.

I went up to call on the Peruvian Ambassador, who has a nice Embassy at 37 avenue Pierre ler de Serbie, but unfortunately his government has not provided him with any money to furnish it, so he must huddle in a corner room, and live at a nearby hotel.

My old friend and OSS associate, Frank Schoonmaker, the wine merchant, has just arrived from extensive tastings at Bordeaux. He has now bought a vineyard for himself in California, and thinks [redacted] the Californian wines are steadily improving in quality because of the additional technical care [redacted] being given not only to viniculture there, but to the storage and handling of the product.

Ted Palmer, another OSS individual, came in from Germany on his way home. He has been there for two years with General Clay, and although he says [redacted] he is satisfied with the job that has been done, he is worried now that he is going back home over what he and his friends have left behind

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them in the way of a Germany so revived, and the citizens of which are feeling their oats to such an extent that he thinks [redacted] unless proper security controls are instituted and maintained, they may once again become a menace to their neighbors.

I went to see the Turkish Ambassador, who lives in the former country house of Princesse de Lamballe on rue Berton. He has leased it from our friends the de Limurs in Washington, and expects eventually to buy it. It is one of the most attractive houses I have seen in Paris. The Turkish Ambassador, [redacted], - he is [redacted] most agreeable. He was [redacted] for a time Minister of Foreign Affairs in his own country.

I met the Inspector General of American Air Forces, General Gilkeson, who is [redacted] checking up on the [redacted] air attachés offices abroad, and dined with [redacted] Eleanor de Bekessy on the rue de la Faisanderie.

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Tuesday, August 2, 1949.

After a staff meeting, I went to call on the Colombian Am[illegible]ador who is shortly to be replaced. His offices are at 122 avenue des Champs Elysées, in the apartment [redacted] occupied for years by the old Tiger, Georges Clemenceau.

We gave a large luncheon [redacted] intended to honor Bob Hannegan and his family, but [redacted] they did not appear.

Tupper Barrett of the Guaranty Trust Company came in to see me. Then Dr. Harvey Branscomb who is overseeing [redacted] cultural activities, and afterwards Dr. Case, President of Colgate, who is to join Jessup in making a study of State Department policy in regard to the Far East. Sandwiched in between, was bearded Tinkham, [redacted] for many years congressman from Massachusetts. He had just arrived here from South Africa, and although he is about eighty is [redacted] bright as a cricket. He used to be a great big game hunter, but says he has given that up.

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I went to see the Polish Ambassador at 1 rue de Talleyrand, the old Hotel de Sabran. He is a former professor, and I assume is in full sympathy with his Communist government. He is a good conversationalist, friendly in manner.

I saw Percy Winner, then Mr. Gibson, the Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Mr. William Costello. Mr. Chaffetz, with a letter of introduction from Assistant Secretary Gross, called on me, then George Brewer of OSR, who has a namesake wandering around Paris and apparently impersonating George in an embarrassing way. Harold Callender came by, and then two attractive young ladies, Jeanne Valone and Barbara King, with a letter of introduction from Tom Clark.

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Thursday, August 4, 1949.

Bill Patten brought in Messrs. Eichholz and Harbeck, as well as Major Carlson of the Coordinating Committee which is dealing with MAP matters.

We went to lunch with the Belgian Ambassador, Baron Guillaume, and his wife at their place in the country. It is a large house in a beautiful park about 25 miles from Paris.

Al Wells came in with Miss Chapman to say they were to be married. Piggy Warburg and his wife and children stopped by on their way south. He says Lew Douglas is feeling much better, and they hope soon to get him out of bed. Bill Humphreys of the Herald-Tribune expressed the dissatisfaction of the newspaper fraternity that the Joint Chiefs of Staff were not to hold any American press conference in Paris. The Minister of Albania called on me. He is an alert young fellow and seemed rather embarrassed as to how he would be received [redacted] we have

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withdrawn our diplomatic representation from his country. We were both as affable as possible, and did not discuss politics but talked about woodcock shooting in Albania.

Jamie and I went out to Orly field to meet the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They came in [redacted] the beautiful blue and white INDEPENDENCE. The leading French personalities in the army, navy and air force were there, and greeted them with [redacted] honors, and lots of music.

To-night, Olaf Sundt is in a [redacted] stew because the Tunisian oil concessions of the Gulf and Shell companies have again been held up.

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Friday, August 5,1949.

This morning M. Damien, under constant prodding by Miss Palmer, arrived with the lease for the Pavillon de La Lanterne at Versailles. I must say I am enchanted at the prospect of occupying this house which I have been eyeing covetously for over a year.

Bert Jolis said goodbye. He is returning to the United States, and has been successful in completing the business for which he came over.

Jo Davidson wanted his passport validated to go to Yugolavia to do a bust of Tito. He has done almost every other political notable and I hope he will be allowed to go.

The Italian Ambassador, who is no mean talker in any language, paid a return call. He thinks the United States ought to take a more aggressive line and dictate to Europe what they should do with American money, supplies, military plans, etc. He has been a career diplomat all his life. He says he is often reminded of the saying of Prince

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von Bulow that diplomacy as a career gives one a first row seat at the Comedy of Life.

Raoul Boyer believes [redacted] Château Haut Brion is the king of all clarets, and supported this thesis at considerable length this morning.

Mr. James A. Bohannon, [redacted] lately retired as the head of a big brewery in Cleveland, came in with a friend from Lincoln, Nebraska, who discussed travel.

Then Miss Viola Ilma of Variety Magazine entertained me with her plans about a one-woman publication to which she is about to give birth. It will be known as "Ilma's Continental Grapevine". She already has a long list of subscribers at ten dollars a head.

Loren Carroll paid his usual Friday call, [redacted] then Mr. Thomas W. Briggs of Memphis, Tennessee, who runs a good will periodical [redacted] "Welcome Wagon, Inc.". He arrived with his wife, and the wife of an American army officer in

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Germany, with a letter of introduction from Senator McKellar.

Nelson Montfort, European Representative of the Bank of America came by, as well as ex-Congressman Lambeth who used to be on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Communists had scheduled a great demonstration this afternoon on the Place de la Concorde, but the police forbade it. The object of the demonstration was to protest to General Bradley against what they called "the American war policy". There were police all around the square and the famous petition of protest never got presented. So far as one could see from here there were no broken heads or disturbances.

We are having a dinner to-night for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The guests are: General and Mrs. Omar Bradley, General and Mrs. Hoyt Vandenberg, Admiral Denfield, General Alfred Gruenther, General Kibler and Mrs. Kibler, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chambers, Mrs. Thompson Biddle, Mrs. George Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bonsal, Mr. James Bonbright, and Mrs. Geoffrey Parsons.

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Saturday, August 6,1949.

Bill Humphreys of the Herald-Tribune came to see me about the Communist demonstration flop of yesterday. Also, Judson Squires, Director of Public and Industrial Relations of the Roberts Dairy Corporation of Omaha, Nebraska, with a letter from Senator Wherry. [redacted] Mr. Franklyn B. Snyder, President of Northwestern University called. Oscar Cox, Avy Clark and John [redacted] Haskell came to lunch, and afterwards we went to visit M. Japy at La Lanterne.

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Sunday, August 7, 1949.

I went over this morning to the Arc de Triomphe to be present at the ceremony where the Joint Chiefs of Staff deposited wreaths on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Afterwards we saw them off at Orly.

Mrs. Bolton, Congresswoman from Ohio, came to lunch in the garden with us and Ken Bolton. I like and admire her so much.

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Monday, August 8,1949.

Left by plane this morning for Nice, - a three hour trip. Eugène met us at the airport and we went to Saint Paul for lunch. I had not been there for over 15 years. The location is [redacted] beautiful, but it is now too much of a tourist attraction center. We arrived at Beauvallon tonight.

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Tuesday, August 9,1949.

At Beauvallon -- swimming.

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Wednesday, August 10,1949.

We motored up to Antibes, to lunch with Emily Woodruff and Helen Coolidge in the old Amos Lawrence house overlooking the harbor. It is a wonderful location. I stopped at the Consulate at Nice and found that Gwynn, the Consul General, had sent his resignation to the Department the day before. He seemed to be in a discouraged state, and generally dissatisfied with his post. The Consulate is located, as it has been for 20 years, in a gloomy old building, entirely inadequate for its purposes. We went on to Monte Carlo, where the gambling rooms were rather deserted. However, we found a few attractive antiques there. The coast roads are terribly crowded, and we did not get back to Beauvallon until midnight, having stopped at Saint Raphael for dinner.

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Thursday, August 11,1949.

We went to see Raoul and Mimi de Lubersac who have a villa near us, and dined at Saint Tropez. The harbor was full of boats of all sorts, including several rather large English yachts. Orson Welles and Errol Flynn are the chief local attractions.

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Friday, August 12, 1949.

Grouse shooting in Scotland began to-day. There seems to be no game in this part of the world. We had dinner again at Saint Tropez.

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Saturday, August 13,1949.

We went to a rug factory at Cogolin, recommended by the de Lubersacs. They do [redacted] beautiful work, and we hope to get some things from them. We went down the coast to Cavalière where Jean Monnet had recommended a place called Le Club. It turned out to be a private club, but the proprietor [redacted] kindly let us have dinner there, and I must say we had [redacted] the best vin rosé [redacted] I have ever tasted. It was also the first time I had [redacted] eaten lobster flambé in cognac. He had some Provençal pottery for sale, and we took away a few specimens.

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Sunday, August 14,1949.

At Beauvallon.

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Monday, August 15,1949.

At Beauvallon.

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Tuesday, August 16,1949.

We started off this morning on an automobile trip and stopped the night at the Hotel de la Reine Jeanne at Aix en Provence. This is a most beautiful city with many fine 17th and 18th century houses. I do not think I have ever seen a more satisfactory [redacted] street than the Cours Mirabeau. The weather was [redacted] hot which distressed the dog boys, [redacted] but it was comfortable and moderately cool at night.

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Wednesday, August 17,1949.

We went to-day to Nimes, Arles, Avignon and Les Beaux; the last is [redacted] interesting troubadour stronghold, almost in ruins, with only about 40 inhabitants, [redacted] where there was once a population of almost a thousand.

We returned to Aix-en-Provence for the night.

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Thursday, August 18,1949

We arrived back at Beauvallon for lunch, and spent several days quietly, dining once with Emling and Gloria Etting at Saint Tropez.

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Monday, August 22,1949.

The first cocktail party we gave since we [redacted] at Beauvallon. arrived. Had dinner with the de Lubersacs after having gone for tea with Mr. Piaton, the head of the French aluminium company, and his [redacted] attractive family.

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Tuesday, August 23,1949

At Beauvallon. Bathing.

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Wednesday, August 24,1949.

We left for Paris at 2 p.m. from the San Raphael airfield, and arrived at Orly at 5. Jamie and Sybil Bonbright met us and went to the office. We had intended to go off tomorrow night to Venice, and spend the weekend with Charlie Bestigui, but I found some matters awaiting me which made cancellation of this trip necessary.

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Thursday, August 25,1949.

I saw Bob Low this morning; he is now Assistant Editor of Time, Fortune and Life. Afterwards had a long talk with Averell about forthcoming conferences in Washington, which will involve the whole British financial and economic question. I called on Clappier of M. Schuman's office, and discussed M. Schuman's plans regarding his trip to Washington; afterwards had a conversation on the same subject with Alphand.

This afternoon Merwin K. Hart, President of the National Economic Council, came in to see me with a letter of introduction from a Senator.

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Friday, August 26,1949.

Mr. William H. Reese, Vice President of the Chase National Bank, asked me to take up with Schuman Winthrop Aldrich's invitation to give M. Schuman a dinner in New York. Senator Cabot Lodge called before going to his press conference in the Embassy. I went to see M. Schuman to talk to him about his trip to the United States next week. Lunched with Eric Taff. Dr. Paul S. Andrews came in this afternoon to talk about world union. I called George Perkins in Washington, and had a good talk with him about arrangements for the French who are going over in connection with bank and fund meetings. Bill Benton came to see me, as full of high spirits as ever. Geoffrey Parsons brought in his charming father, [redacted] and I enjoyed so much talking to him.

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Saturday, August 27,1949.

I was witness at the wedding this morning of Eleanor de Bekassy and Owen Johnson. [redacted] the ceremony in the office of the Mayor of the 16th Arrondissement, [redacted] delivered [redacted] eloquent address on marital felicity.

Evangeline and I lunched at Maurice Petsche's, with him were the Prime Minister, and two members of M. Queuille's staff.. M. Queuille was as unassuming and engaging as usual, and Petsche [redacted] full of humor and friendship.

Adele Lovett and Marie Louise Bousquet came in this afternoon to see us.

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Sunday, August 28,1949.

We had a lunch for Bob and Mildred Bliss; Dr. and Mrs. Kaltenborn; Bill Benton and his son; Congressman John Phillips from California and his wife; Congressman John D. Lodge and several others, amongst them Bob Alcorn and William Chamberlin.

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Monday, August 29, 1949.

Sir Oliver Harvey paid me a return courtesy call this morning, and then I saw Mr. Nathan Cummings of Chicago, head of a great grocery establishment, including the Monarch brand of canned goods, who had with him the President of the Pabst Brewery Company.

This afternoon, Larkin of the Foreign Buildings Office, George Killion, former Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, and Butler, our Ambassador to Cuba, came to see me, as well as Bob Alcorn and two nieces whom he is taking around Europe.

Dean Beekman came in with a couple of projects to discuss, and then Julian Saks, who is associated with Julius Klein; Dr. Kaltenborn; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Butterworth; Congressman Wigglesworth; and Hervé Alphand, who is leaving tomorrow for Washington.

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Tuesday, August 30,1949.

Had a talk with Arne Ekstrom this morning, and then went to call on M. Schuman in regard to the complications about his Washington trip.

I lunched with Graham Martin at Quasimodo and this afternoon saw Warren Lee Pierson, Chairman of TWA.; Alex Drier of the National Broadcasting Company; Jacques Maritin, author, who used to be French Ambassador to the Vatican, and Scotty Reston.

For the last few days Surtees Raine and his wife, English [redacted] cousins of Evangeline, have been staying with us. While we were at Beauvallon, Paul Hoffman and his family, and afterwards Molly Thayer and her daughter Eugenie stayed at the Residence.

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Wednesday, August 31,1949.

Agnes Herrick came to lunch and told us a lot about the Embassy Residence at 2 avenue d'Iéna. Her father-in-law bought it in 1926 with his personal funds. At that time the franc was [redacted] weak in relation to the dollar. After the rate had greatly improved, the United States Government took it over at Mr. Herrick's dollar cost - approximately $150,000.- and gave permission to use the profit on the exchange transaction to furnish it. Since there was not enough money to complete this job, Mr. Herrick bought a considerable amount of furniture himself, and many pieces were contributed by rich Americans like Mrs. Hamilton Rice, Mrs. Alexander, Joe Widener, etc.

Ernest Cuneo came to see me after lunch; - his flow of English is as choice as ever.

I talked to Lestrade Brown of American Air Lines who was making a short visit from London. I used to

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see him with Tommy Hitchcock during the war. Mr. Lloyd, the new secretary who was assigned here from Liberia came to see me. He seems a good man, and is being assigned to the Economic Division. It is the first time, I believe, there has been a colored man on the Embassy staff, and I am pleased at this assignment of Lloyd. Harold Callender is about to go off on a vacation to Annecy, and spent some time with me this afternoon.

Later we had the Floods from San Francisco, the Alcorns, Gilman Paul from Baltimore, and a number of people, with letters of introduction from Congressmen, in for cocktails.

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Thursday, September 1, 1949.

General Handy, on his way to Germany to command the U. S. Forces there, came [redacted] to see me this morning. He has recently been stationed in Texas. Speaking of the way in which its inhabitants praise their State, he recalled a story of an officer during the war in Italy who had extolled the merits of Texas to such an extent that his fellow officers were somewhat bored. Finally, one of the non-Texans directed his attention to Vesuvius, which was erupting magnificently, and said: "Charlie, there is one thing [redacted] I bet you have not got bigger and better in Texas." Charlie mused for a moment and answered: "No, I guess not, but if I had the Waco fire department here we'd certainly give it hell." Handy is an attractive man and for years I've heard good things of him as an officer.

Jim McCurdy, a Pan American Airways employee, came to ask for help in getting a job in the State Department. Paul Silberstein, a Swiss by origin, with whom I once

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worked in W. A. Harriman and Co., rode up with me to the Swedish Embassy, where I had a delightful chat with the Ambassador. Upon returning to the office, I talked to Jim Farley about Coca-Cola matters.

This afternoon, Freddy Lyon, the Chief Inspector for the Department, came in, and later, William Schlamm, Foreign Editor of FORTUNE, three French journalists (Messrs. Gaston Gelic, Pierre Grodel and Raymond Castains) who are about to leave for the United States; Mrs. Zavier von Endberg Krezenciewski (until two weeks ago a middle-aged spinsterJoan Prentice, now married to a German whom she wants to get to America), Jack Tappin, whose Polish born wife is expecting a baby momentarily, talked to me about his future plans.

To-night we had a dinner for our Ambassador to Cuba, Bob Butler, his wife and daughter, Woodie Wallner, Congressman Dick and Florence Wigglesworth.

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Friday, September 2,1949.

Mr. Twitchell of Moral Rearmament, (Frank Buchman's organization at Caux, Switzerland), [redacted] a son-in-law of Senator Alexander Smith of New Jersey, whom I admire, called on me with Mr. Canfield to ask me to make a visit there. We had Mildred and Robert Bliss, Royall and Bill Tyler for lunch. The Chateau Lafitte 1906 was wonderful. I spent an hour with Jean Monnet and found him much less pessimistic than our experts over the prospects of this year's harvests. Eva Dahlgren came to invite me to visit the Franco-American establishment at Blérancourt, and we fixed a date for it. We had cocktails for a [redacted] accumulation of Americans whom I had been asked by the White House or Congressmen to entertain. In addition, Leland Heyward and his beautiful wife Slim came with Marie Louise Bousquet.

To-night we had Marie and Averell, Geoff and Drew Parsons, and Geoff's [redacted] father.

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Saturday, September 3, 1949.

I had a farewell talk with Averell this morning. He is leaving to-morrow for the Washington Conference. What an admirable, comprehensive grasp he has of international problems, and what a fascinating complex personality. I am absolutely devoted to him.

I went to Versailles this afternoon, to go over [redacted] La Lanterne once again with M. Japy, ordering alterations and painting.

General Huebner paid me a courtesy call at the Embassy. He had come down from Germany for the week-end, and I was so pleased to see him.

Evangeline has a touch of ptomaine, and the nurse is in the hospital, so I went alone to a congenial dinner at the British Embassy with Sir Oliver and Lady Harvey and Ashley.

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Sunday, September 4, 1949.

This morning I went to 41 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré to meet a group of French students who are shortly going to the United States under the provisions made by the Fulbright Bill. Drank [redacted] Dubonnet and made a short speech.

Evangeline and I walked the children and the boys this afternoon in the Champ de Mars. It is a blazing hot day. Wonderful little Brewster, having been emasculated to cure one ill, is now suffering from another that the French veterinarians do not seem able to diagnose. He is [redacted] sluggish and in low spirits except when he thinks he hears a gun go off.

This afternoon a group of young Pittsburghers - Messrs. Weidlein, Scully and Biddle - Mr. Stansbury from Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Jill, Sonny and Denny Slater came to cocktails.

Sybil and Jamie Bonbright came [redacted] for dinner - we like

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them so much. Another bottle of Lafitte 1906 was as good as the last, [redacted] and for the first time we tried a Grand Chablis of 1947, which was excellent.

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Monday, September 5, 1949.

This is Labor Day; [redacted]

I went at 9.30 this morning to see M. Schuman off on the De Grasse boat train. What a fine man he is: sympathetic, modest, charming. I stopped at the office to read cables.

This afternoon we had a cocktail party for Congressmen. There were Representatives Harold Cooley and his wife; Clifford Hope, Henry Talle, Hale Boggs, Robert Poage and his wife, Albert Gorde and his wife, as well as Mrs. Kefauver, Mrs. Mildred Sanders, Captain Helen O'Day, Dr. Dunham and Colonel Brown.

I dined at the Auberge Coucu with David Schoenbrun of CBS and Teddy White of Overseas News Service. A wonderful meal - this little known restaurant must be one of the best in Paris.

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Tuesday, September 6,1949.

The shrewd Turkish Ambassador came to see me this morning, and talked [redacted] interestingly about Russian psychology, etc.

I had a stag lunch for the members of the Sub-Committee of the House Judiciary Committee who are investigating DP and related problems. Besides Chairman Walter of Pennsylvania, there were Congressmen William Byrne, Michael Feigan, Frank Chelf, Chauncey Reed, Frank Fellows, Clifford Case, Frank Wilson and J. R. Bryson, as well as staff members Walter Beterman and Edward Shaughnessy, and [redacted] Messrs. Bonbright, Bolton, Grinnel and Stanger from the Embassy. Messrs. Fellows and Bryson are extraordinary story tellers and kept us in gales of laughter. This afternoon I saw Vicente Valdez Roderigues, Cuban Ambassador to Peru; Teddy White; Miss Ettington of Life magazine.

Mother's old friends, Mrs. Robert Bingham (wife

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of the former U.S. Ambassador to England) and Miss Helen

(of the Robert E. Lee Foundation)
Knox/came to cocktails, as well as others, including Mr.

and Mrs. Miller from San Francisco, who are friends of the

Turner McBains, Ethel de Croisset, Mardi Hughes, etc.

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Wednesday, September 7,1949.

Saw Barry and Lane; then Miss Maguire, a reporter from the negro papers in Detroit and Pittsburgh. She is [redacted] intelligent and I enjoyed talking to her. Lunch at home with E, Tish and her brother, Cap Conway and Whitney Shepardson. This afternoon, James Kemper, Chairman of the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company of Chicago; Congresswoman Frances [redacted] Bolton, and Mr. Michel Cote, Chairman of the railroad from Addis Abbaba to Djibouti, were amongst the visitors. I walked home with Lane Rehm, and we had a dinner to-night for the Turkish (M. Menemcioglu) and Swedish (M. Westman) ambassadors; Mrs. Morris Cafritz (who is said to have taken Perle Mesta's place as Washington's leading hostess -- dark and Hungarian), the Norman Armours, Charlie Munn, Gordon and Shirley Douglas, the McCloskeys, the Herbert Hazeltines, John Kelly, the Bourbon-Bussets from the Foreign Office, Lady Abingdon, Sophie Sturges, Congresswoman [redacted] Bolton.

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The food seemed [redacted] good to me - soup, filet de sole cardinal, and whole broiled partridges, etc. Wine, Clos des Mouches 1945, Clos Vougeot 1934, Veuve Clicquot 1928.

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Thursday, September 8, 1949.

Rear Admiral Joel Bunkley (Retired) a son-in-law of the late Senator John Sharpe Williams, the brilliant and caustic orator, came to see me this morning.

I paid a courtesy call on the Danish Ambassador, Mr. Johann Kruse., at his office 78 avenue Marceau. He seems a [redacted] sensible and cordial man and I enjoyed talking with him. He thinks [redacted] in the absence of some sort of European economic and political union, Europe's position in the long run is almost hopeless. He also favors an amalgamation [redacted] of the economic interests of the United States and the British Empire with one currency.

Saw Raymond Loewy, the famous designer, and his wife this afternoon. Then I went with Lee Brady to the Musée de l'Art Moderne to see Mr. Howard's (the American sculptor) beautiful piece the "Sun Bather". Amongst other things at the Museum there is the [redacted] attractive, if somewhat flashy, Boldini of that strange character

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Mr. Ernest Gilliam of Fort Worth, Texas, with letters of introduction from Senators McGrath and Connally came to see me. Thereafter, the first American professor to receive a Fulbright grant for teaching in a French University, Thomas Munro, Professor of Art at Western Reserve University, and the first French professor to receive a Fulbright award, Professor Georges Doux of the Sorbonne called.

Hugh Gibson stopped by for a few minutes, --- he is full of vitality as always and [redacted] keen about a motion picture project in which he is engaged. He is E's godfather.

Mr. Maurice Leon, a New York lawyer, represented what he considers an injustice being committed against one of his American clients, whom the French have accused of large dealings in the currency black market.

E. and I went to a cocktail party given by the American Club for their members and families in the garden of 41 Faubourg Saint Honoré.

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Friday, September 9, 1949.

I saw Tom Morgan, the President of the Sperry Co., this morning. Attended a service at the American Presbyterian Church for George Washington Mitchell, the colored doorman at the Embassy who died a few days ago. He had been in the cavalry in the Spanish-American War, had come to Europe with Buffalo Bill, and become stranded. He sought and obtained employment with the U. S. Government and served it for almost fifty years. [redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. Thomas, of the great London porcelain firm of J. Rochelle Thomas, came to call on me with his new wife. He is a fine type of the British tradesman and we had an enjoyable talk about antiques. I showed him a porcelain rabbit [redacted] a Paris dealer has just offered to sell me as Chelsea, and Thomas said it was an outright modern fake.

We left at 2.30 by plane for England, landed at

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Bovington airfield, and motored to Dytchley where we found Ronnie and Marietta looking [redacted] well, - she is to have a baby in a few months. Dytchley was as breath-taking as ever; - there, superlative taste and wealth are so fortunately combined. Ronnie has just sold the place to young Lord Wilton, and he and Marietta are moving to America on October 1st.

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Saturday, September 10, 1949.

We shot partridges all day, and fine sport it was, with a bag of about 80 brace. Ronnie, his half-brother Lord Beatty, Lord Birkenhead, Mr. Roche, the Dytchley estate agent, Count Paul Munster (once OSS), and myself.

To-night, Edwina and Leo d'Erlanger came up from their cottage to dinner, and Brendan Bracken and Michael and Lady Pamela Berry arrived to stay. Brendan was, as usual, charged with anecdote. He said [redacted] he had remonstrated vigorously with Mr. Churchill when the latter bought a farm, and began costly outlays on it. Brendan told Winston [redacted] he would [redacted] lose a lot of money in the venture. "Nonsense", answered W.C. "I'll make it pay, no matter what it costs me."

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Sunday, September 11, 1949.

A lazy morning, the weather ideally beautiful as it was yesterday. The temperature about 75 degrees, which excited complaints from the British that they were suffering from a "tropical heat wave". We wandered through the garden, stopped at the d'Erlanger cottage, and after lunch motored to Bovington. The plane took about an hour and three quarters from there to Orly.

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Monday, September 12, 1949.

A quiet morning, for reasons unknown, at the office. Dan Joseph, from Baltimore, came to see me and discussed Maryland politics exhaustively. He wants me to run for the U. S. Senate against Herbert O'Conor in 1952. [redacted], that I am not a citizen of Maryland did not deter his persistence.

We had a lunch to-day for Mrs. Mesta, who is here for a few days from her Luxembourg post. She is full of life, but not of intellect. [redacted] She is tangling with the redoutable Fritz Larkin, Czar of the Foreign Buildings Office, and I would bet [redacted] he will shortly be eating out of her hand, and not biting it. Turner Cameron, John Kelly, Dee Bredin, Raymond Loewy and his wife, and Congressman Norblad and his wife from Oregon (it was Norblad's 41st birthday) were the other guests.

Colonel Gano, my old acquaintance who ran the Polish Secret Intelligence Service so skillfully during the war, came to see me with Count Stefan Zamoyski, another old

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acquaintance who owns the beautiful Hotel Lambert on the Ile Saint Louis. Speaking of Poles, Jack Tappin's Polish wife, had a daughter - weight almost nine pounds - the end of last week.

Irving Rossi, with whom I once shared offices at 230 Park Avenue, New York City, came to see me, and afterwards Serge Daniloff, Export Manager of the Packard Motor Co.

Bob Foulon, who used to be in the Economic section of the Embassy, and is now with ECA in the French zone of Germany, told me that prices of German wines in Baden-Baden are higher than are French wines there.

Chip Bohlen arrived on Saturday, and I saw him this morning, looking well and rested. It will be fine to have Avis and him here.

George Killian, former Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, now head of a shipping company, talked to me at considerable length about politics, shipping, etc.

When I reached home, Jim and Ashley were there, and we

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spent the evening dividing up Uncle Harold's books,

which the girls had inherited.

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Tuesday, September 13, 1949.

Staff meeting this morning. Afterwards, Congressman John Kunkel of Pennsylvania, his wife and daughter, came to call on me, and we had a good talk. Mr. Malik, the new Indian Ambassador, who speaks perfect English, came in to see me; - he is a [redacted] charming man. Irving Rossi brought a delegation of French, together with one Swiss and one German, interested in the steel industry, and explained how they were forming a group to use a new process for continuous casting.

I took a long walk at lunchtime on the Left Bank, and wound up over a melon, a dish of kidneys and a bottle of Vin Rosé in a restaurant called Le Plat d'Argent. I also met Hoytie Wiborg, walking a dog, and went with her for a few minutes to call on Madame Sert, (the widow of the Spanish painter), [redacted] where I saw a fine El Greco.

Charlie Dewey spent an hour here this afternoon. Previously, I had visited the French telegraphists in the Embassy, who are working under bad conditions -- [redacted]

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insufficient and light, lack of air and space. Cornelia Williams, an earnest and attractive girl of 24, daughter of my old friend, Bob Williams of Baltimore, came to apply for a job.

I had a long talk with Mr. Charles Kriendler, Vice President of the International Garment Worker's Union (David Dubinsky) about steps that should be taken to combat communism in European trade unions.

We had a cocktail party at home this afternoon.

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Wednesday, September 14, 1949.

Bob Terrill brought Stan Cleveland in to introduce him as a new member of the Economic Section. Then Judge John Parker, and Judge Lloyd Ericsson, who have been studying and advising on law court matters in Germany, called.

Lee Brady introduced Donald Cook, [redacted] then I went to call on the Egyptian Ambassador at 56 avenue d'Iéna. We had a pleasant talk, freshened by [redacted] sweet Turkish coffee. He is said to have the best chef in Paris, so the conversation inevitably turned to food and wine.

Ex-Senator Robertson of Wyoming and his wife, Congressman McSweeny of Ohio and his wife, Francis Taylor, of the Metropolitan Museum, Whitney Shepardson, Dr. Alexander Chase of Washington, Pauline Potter, Gloria Etting, and others came to lunch.

This afternoon I saw Bill Brewster of the Texas Oil Co., Vice Admiral Jules James, representing the National Lead Company, David Harrington, the new Public Affairs officer at Lille, Henry Siegbert, formerly deputy to Tom Finletter

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in ECA England, John Mowinckel of World Report, Mrs. Hamilton Kerr Lamar, who is trying to do an Anglo-American cultural relations job, Hugh Gibson and Count de la Grandière on motion picture business, (they told me of the Chinese method used in Paris of curing various ailments by sticking gold and silver pins in patients), Lane Timmons, etc.

To-night we had a dinner for the Charlie Deweys. Others were: Cobina Wright, the young Norman Armours, Duke and Duchess de la Rochefoucauld, the Theodore Rousseaus, the Dean Jays, the Trafford Klotz, Etienne Count Jean Pillet-Will, Dennery and M. et Mme Charles-Roux from the Foreign Office, etc. Traff is to start painting E to-morrow. We had partridges and 1934 Chambertin - the wine needs drinking although the bouquet was excellent.

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Thursday, September 15, 1949.

John H. Maxwell of the Maxwell Steel Co. and Reverend Warren Johnston, both of Fort Worth, Texas, came to see me this morning. Then Mr. Curtin of ECA Washington, and the Polish Ambassador returning my courtesy call.

I lunched at the American Club, where Barry Bingham delivered an admirable speech. Miss Emmeline Burnette, sent by George Killian, came to apply for a position. Mrs. Jackson, widow of a former American Hospital doctor, talked about a citizenship case. Mr. Kreindler of the Garment Workers Union reappeared with hot news from the labor front. Miss Juliette Desmond, a newspaper correspondent for several small publications, exposed at [redacted] length her plan for bringing American tourists into French homes. The Greek Ambassador returned my call. We gave a large reception for the newly arrived UNESCO delegation, and others, and afterwards had a dinner for

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Senator and Mrs. Baldwin of Connecticut, Senator and Mrs. Hunt of Wyoming, Adele Lovett, Albert Lasker and his wife. I do not think French trout in flavor compares with our own trout.

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Friday, September 16, 1949.

Saw Harlan Cleveland, Deputy to Dick Bissell of ECA Washington. Then George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State. I called on Colonel Hodgson, the Australian Ambassador, who has just received word of his transfer to Japan. He is occupying as an office the lovely house at 14 rue Lascases which was bought last year by Margaret Biddle from Mary Rogers. Margaret cannot get possession of it as the Australians will not leave until they find other suitable quarters. Colonel Hodgson's departure may have at least one happy by-effect; he is willing to turn over his own private apartment to Barry Bingham, who will then at last have a place to deposit his wife and five children.

Immediately after lunch, E, I and the dogs drove out to Blérancourt, about two hours from Paris, where the Franco-American Museum is situated - a work commenced and maintained primarily by Anne Morgan and Mrs. Dike. It is housed in the remains of what must

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have been a magnificent chateau. The Revolutionary items concerning Washington, Lafayette, de Grasse, Franklin, Jefferson, etc. are [redacted] in one wing, and constitute a fascinating collection. Another wing contains relics and mementos of the two World Wars. An enthusiastic band supplied stirring music and finally there was a Vin d'Honneur and speeches at the Mairie. [redacted]

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We arrived home late and finally succeeded in clearing up the rest of Uncle Harold's books, and shelving [redacted] those not taken by Virginia and Ashley, [redacted]

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Saturday, September 17, 1949.

Juan Trippe came in to see me for a few minutes this morning, then Mr. John P. Maguire with a letter from John Snyder, before I went to the Raphael Hotel to talk to the American UNESCO Delegation on the French situation.

We went after lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Farber, friends of Kay Halle of Cleveland, to the Pavillon de la Lanterne at Versailles. We also went to see Mr. Moser's arboretum, and expect to get some flowers and shrubbery from him for the Lanterne.

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Sunday, September 18, 1949.

Posed this morning for a conversation piece by Traff Klotz, and somebody and her sister came to lunch. Tonight we had a large dinner: Perle Mesta, Sonny and Eleanor Whitney, the Duncannons, Mrs. Edward G. Robinson and her son, Mrs. Clark Williams, Viscount de Pharamon and his lovely wife, the de Kotzebues, Hamilton Rice, the Bohlens, Leonora Corbett, etc.

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Monday, September 19, 1949.

The members of the Select Committee of the House on Appropriations, came to see me this morning. Afterwards the Pat O'Callaghans, Mathilda Whitridge and Helen Bruce for lunch at the Embassy. Fred Lazarus, head of Associated Dry Goods Stores, called on me, as well as Max Shoop, and Mr. Reardon, his wife and five children, - a delightful family from Cincinnati, Ohio, with a letter of introduction from Senator Taft.

To-night an excellent dinner at the Chinese Embassy - all the dishes Chinese, - the first time I had ever eaten shark fins. Good chopstick work.

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Tuesday, September 20,1949.

Staff meeting. Dr. Hugh Bennett, the famous soil conservationist of the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Riddel. Lunch with the University Club of Paris at the Cercle Interallié and made a speech. This afternoon, my old friend now with Ashley Clark came to see me, also Johnny Speaks (Star Television), Warren Pierson of TWA, Winthrop Aldrich, and Madame Orlando Garabelli with a letter of introduction from Jimmy Dunn. She is the daughter of former Premier Orlando of Italy, and wants something done regarding movies with Eric Johnson.

To-night, E., Griselda and I dined with Henri Bernstein at his theater - Les Ambassadeurs. He has an apartment on the second floor, and afterwards we went down to see his play LA SOIF. It is a sexy piece, rather old-fashioned in the sense [redacted] it is a repetition of all Bernstein plays, the leading figure representing the playwright's conception of himself, and therefore [redacted]

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attractive. This is the first stage play in which Jean Gabin has ever acted, and he was magnificent.

Afterwards, we had a bottle of champagne in Bernstein's apartment and drove home in a pelting rain.

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Wednesday, September 21, 1949.

Congressmen Lindley Beckworth of Texas, and John Bennett of Michigan, came to see me this morning. I had many conversations with Beckworth when I was in the Department of Commerce. Douty, the labor adviser of ECA France, told me of the difficulties he thought France was about to encounter in the labor field. Gerald Drew called in, then Charles Lindstrom of the U.S. Delegation to the Cannes Film Festival. I went to see Carlos Martins, the Brazilian Ambassador, and learned to my distress he is about to be retired. I am so sorry for we are devoted to Maria and to him.

I had lunch, fourteen strong, for members of the House of Representatives Select Committee on Expenditures and their staff, and enjoyed seeing them.

Miss Smith, with a letter of introduction from Congressman Multer came to apply for a job. Then Count Alexander Mohl, an ex-Polish diplomat, to discuss the resettlement of Polish displaced persons. I had a

long talk with Dave Beck, Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and one of the best-known American labor leaders. [redacted]

To-night we had a large dinner for Senators McCarran and Lodge, and their wives, Winthrop Aldrich, Alma Clayburgh, the Charlie Deweys, Martha Slater, Cousie Hottinguer and many others, including Clarence Dillon, who was, I hope, pleased with his Chateau Haut Brion 1934.

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Thursday, September 22, 1949.

M. Parodi sent for me this morning to express the grave concern of the French Government over the devaluation of the mark. Afterwards Senator McCarran and Charlie Dewey came in, then the Egyptian Ambassador, to return my recent call.

General Anders and his wife, and the Jack Tappins lunched with us. Anders is a vigorous, intelligent soldier, who is trying to sustain the morale of his former troops - 110,000 of them being still in the UK - [redacted] for possible future military use. Ed Farley, President of the American Hawaiian Steamship Company, came to see me, as did Lansing Warren of the New York Times.

To-night I went to the vernissage of Mrs. Edward G. Robinson's paintings at the André-Weill Galleries. As Mr. Robinson, the famous moving picture actor was there, a great deal of photography took place, and Mrs. Robinson and I did short broadcasts on the French Radio.

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Friday, September 23, 1949.

Left this morning at seven o'clock from Orly for Marseilles, with Bill Tyler, John Brown, Colonel MacCloskey and wife. From the time of our arrival at the Prefecture, where speeches and medals were delivered, we had a hectic day. The Marseillais were exceedingly gracious and hospitable. We visited the Fair, and especially the American pavilion which had exhibits explanatory of what Marshall aid was doing for France. Then a pause at the Reception House of the Fair, where we drank Ricard (a sort of mild absinthe) and exchanged brief speeches. Next we went to the Chamber of Commerce where a large lunch, in every meaning of the word, was followed by long speeches. Thereafter, we embarked on a harbor boat and viewed the enormous damage done by the Germans to the port, as well as the tremendous work of rehabilitation already accomplished. I neglected to mention that this occasion, called "American Day" was

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also commemorative of the 350th anniversary of the Marseilles Chamber of Commerce, and their huge reception hall housed a multitude of art and [redacted] historical objects relating to the history of the City. It was a fascinating exhibit.

After our boat-ride, we went to the Mayor's office, in a fine Louis XIV building on the Quai, and had a further round of pleasantries and medals. From there we repaired to the Mayor's quarters, formerly occupied by Napoleon III and Empress Eugénie, where a reception took place from five o'clock until 7.30 p.m. It was a scorching hot day, and the guests were all rather fatigued at the end. The leader of the orchestra was one of the chief police officers of Marseilles, and told me [redacted] he had worked for OSS during the war - he had a bronze star for his efforts.

Bill, John and I arrived at the Hotel Noailles, stayed just long enough to get our suitcases to our rooms, and went forth to a dinner, that even for France was superlative, at the Restaurant Campa. We had moules

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marinières, Bouillabaise, Loup de Mer, a dish of Provençal meat, cheese, etc. with bottles of Cassis, Hermitage and Chateau Lafitte 1937.

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Saturday, September 24, 1949.

We took off from Marseilles airport at about 9.45 and landed at Or[illegible] hours later, favored by tail winds. I went to the office and did some work.

This afternoon we had a large party which included eight members of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives.

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Sunday, September 25, 1949.

Traff Klotz is painting E's portrait, and also doing a conversation piece of her, me and the dogs.

We had rather a hectic day, with people coming in for meals, cocktails and calls, and for further distraction a cabinet crisis commencing over a wage controversy.

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Monday, September 26, 1949.

I was going out to-day to shoot partridges with M. Bourbon-Busset of the Foreign Office at his place near Fontainebleau, but Jack McCloy and Mr. Buttenweiser, formerly of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, arrived to stay at the Residence this morning at 2 a.m. to discuss the problem of fixing a new rate for the German mark. From the French standpoint this involved the French desire to equalize prices between domestically consumed and exported German coal.

Jack, and Messrs. Buttenweiser and Konrad, together with some of us from the Embassy, conferred on the subject during the morning with M. Parodi and his assistants at the Foreign Office. No conclusion was reached, and conversations were resumed in the afternoon. The scene shifted about 5 o'clock to the Prime Minister's office, at which time, besides the Prime Minister, M. Petsche participated. At 12 o'clock that night things

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were still in a state of confusion without any agreement having been reached.

We went back to the Residence and Jack finally got to bed at 3 o'clock and left at 5 20,, in the morning for Bonn.

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Tuesday, September 27, 1949.

Quite a to-do to-day over the German question, with telephone calls to Bonn and conferences with the Foreign Office. Nothing has been definitely determined, and the French are attempting to have Mr. Schuman deliberate on this matter with Mr. Acheson in New York.

I lunched with M. Petsche who had Winthrop Aldrich as his guest of honor. As usual, delicious food, punctuated by my talking to McCloy on the telephone.

This afternoon, I saw Mr. N. B. Bederman who had a letter of introduction from Tom Clark. He is in the construction business in Chicago, and had some interesting comments to make on his European trip.

Miss McKenzie, the New Zealand Chargé d'Affaires, came to see me. Her chief preoccupation at the moment is to buy for her government an Embassy.

Chester Beatty on his way south paid me a call. C.B. is about 75 and as active mentally as ever. He is in process of shifting his residence to Ireland.

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and takes a [redacted] dim view of the capabilities of the Labor Government in England.

Mr. Opie, introduced by Bob Terrill, an English economist, now a naturalized American, [redacted] associated with Brookings Institution, came to see me.

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Wednesday, September 28, 1949.

Cabot Lodge told me goodbye this morning. He is sailing Friday. With his knowledge of the French language and his background and experience in France, he is unusually familiar with French problems, both domestic and international.

I called on the Yugoslav Ambassador in his beautiful residence, with its spectacular view, at 1 Boulevard Delessert. He was [redacted] outspoken and bitter about the Russians. He is a thoroughly educated and agreeable man.

George Allen came in with ex-Governor Arnall who is now representing the Independent Motion Picture Producers.

I lunched with M. Ramadier at the Ministry of Defense. He was entertaining Senator Tydings, and I think something useful was accomplished.

Last night, Prime Minister Queuille resigned over the wage question which has been the subject of [redacted] fierce controversy in the Cabinet. M. Auriol, the President of the Republic, refused to accept his resignation.

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Ramadier, [redacted] a Socialist, [redacted] exercises considerable influence over his party colleagues, and expressed himself as [redacted] optimistic about reaching an agreement on this point which would enable him, Ramadier, to go to the United States on Sunday of this week.

Mr. Mitchell B. Carroll, Chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council, talked about our proposed treaty of commerce with France and related matters.

Mr. J. Raymond Nunan of Washington D.C., with a letter of introduction from Senator Green of Rhode Island, came to protest against the requisition of the chateau of his wife (formerly Comtesse de Janzé) near Rouen. This is one of numerous instances of this kind.

Geoffrey Parsons introduced to me Kenyon Kilbon, who is replacing Bill Humphreys as the economic reporter for the Paris-Herald-Tribune. He was followed by Otto Tolischus of the New York Times, who has been examining into the

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Western European situation.

Later on, I attended a ceremony at UNESCO house where historical documents were exhibited by the United States, France, Belgium, Italy and Holland, and afterwards made a short radio speech on the subject.

The Henry Hydes dined with us to-night.

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Thursday, September 29,1949.

More political stirrings this morning and it looks as if the Government might get over its temporary difficulties regarding wages. Meanwhile, the Germans have refused the proposals of the High Commission in Germany about the rate of mark devaluation and the price for export and domestic coal.

I called on the Netherlands Ambassador at 85 rue de Grenelle. I have known him for a considerable time and he is a [redacted] superior man. His house is one of the most beautiful [redacted] in Paris.

Millard Tydings, Wilfrid Baumgartner, Averell and a group from the Embassy, twelve in all, lunched with me to-day. Afterwards, Larry Daymont, who is entering his 33rd year in Government service and [redacted] shortly leaving here for Bern, was presented with a travelling ca[redacted] from Hermes which I think pleased him, [redacted].

I then saw Mr. Myles Lowell, a friend of Byron Foy.

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He is sponsoring a [redacted] complicated art project which involves sending Prince Philip of Hesse to the United States, no easy task under the circumstances.

Mr. Kushneress, of the Department of Commerce, brought me up to date on European transportation, shipping rates, etc. Then I saw M. S. Doyle, member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, with whom I had been in previous contact and who is leaving immediately for home, as well as Paul Patterson, my old friend who is publisher of the Baltimore Sun. To-night we are having a dinner of 18 for the British Ambassador, his wife, Dicky and Nancy Adare, the Jacques Dumaines, the Denny Johnsons, Margaret Sweeny, Griselda, Sammy Hood, Turner Cameron, Bunny and Hope Carter, Bunny's sister Lady Gosford, Max Fould and others.

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Friday, September 30,1949.

I saw M. Jules Moch, Minister of the Interior, this morning about the case of Lt. Sakouta, and afterwards attended an exhibition of the Rights of Man, sponsored by UNESCO at the Musée Galliéra. Lee Brady and I went from there to see the opening of the Salon d'Automne, and later I saw the sculpture exhibition and new Picasso paintings at a gallery in [redacted] Avenue Gabriel.

This afternoon Lowell Weicker stopped in to see me on his way to Germany, where he is going to join McCloy's staff.

Loren Carroll of Newsweek called, and Mr. Pate of the United Children's Emergency Fund.

I then went to the vernissage of the exhibition of Mary Plaisted's paintings.

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Saturday, October 1, 1949.

Mr. Dickinson of OSR Washington came to tell us about developments there in connection with the Military Assistance Program.

After lunch, E and I went to Versailles where wo[illegible]n the Pavillon is progressing satisfactorily. We returned to Paris and bought a few antiques, before our large cocktail party for the foreign delegations of UNESCO.

To-night we went to the opening of the wonderful Ballet of Monte Carlo that the Marquis de Cuevas is producing. Tamara Toumanova and Rosella Hightower were marvelous. After leaving Tish and Ashley (who had dined and gone to the ballet with us) at home, E. and I went on for the second time since we came to Paris to a night club, and again it was Monseigneur. It was great fun, especially the violin music.

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Sunday, October 2, 1949.

Did a little posing and much talking to Traff this morning.

The Wallners, Sonny and Eleanor Whitney and Lowell Weicker came to lunch. We had, amongst other drinkables, some good Chateau Margaux 1934. Got through a lot of work and to bed at 1.30 a.m.

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Monday, October 3,1949.

Mrs. Valentine, Lester Armour's mother, came to see me this morning. She is a charming elderly lady. Mr. Nathaniel P. Davis, [redacted] en route to his post as Minister to Hungary, called, as did George West from the Legation in Luxembourg, who has [redacted] kindly offered to get me ten cases of Luxembourg Moselle. I had a long talk with Walter Lippmann who has just arrived. This afternoon Royall Tyler came to say goodbye. He is going off on a two months assignment with the Clapp Committee in the Middle East. Mr. Feidelberg, with letters from Senators Myers and Johnson, came in to pass the time of day. I told Sakouta goodbye and then went off with Lloyd Hyde to see Countess Tissoza's superb collection of china which she is selling, as well as her house which she would like to dispose of to the U.S. Government.

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Tuesday, October 4,1949.

A staff meeting this morning. This afternoon I saw Mr. Laurence Cox from Norfolk, Va., [redacted] a representative of the National Housing authority; he is on his way to Geneva. Mr. Ruttenberg, the CIO representative of Labor on the American UNESCO delegation, came to see me, and afterwards the Chilean Ambassador. I had a letter from Senator Green introducing Miss Mary Lee Davey, an American girl of twenty who wants a job in Paris. She became frightened at the last moment and her mother spoke for her instead. She has no qualifications and her mother would like her to go home. Denby Wilkes and Mr. Shaw of the American Legion called to tell me about a reception they a re giving tomorrow afternoon in honor of the French Veterans Minister, M. Bertolaud. Then I saw Joseph Livingstone, financial columnist of the Philadelphia Bulletin, Washington Post, and Louisville Courier Journal.

Ralph Damon, President of TWA paid a call, [redacted] then

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Tom [redacted] and Norris Clark of the Republic Steel Company.

I stopped to see the exhibition of paintings of Mary Plaisted.

We had a large dinner to-night: Carlos Martins and Maria, [redacted] Elsa Maxwell, the Robert de Lesseps, Robert de Billy, Guy Millards, Helen Kirkpatrick, Cecil Beaton, Max Truett, Diana Cooper, Elsie and Charles Mendl, etc. Elsie came in her wheel chair and was [redacted] gay; Elsa Maxwell says [redacted] she is 96. Mary Blanche Polignac was there too. We had a long talk about some of the American musicians whom she has been sponsoring.

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Wednesday, October 5, 1949.

I saw Mr. Joel Livingstone again this morning and afterwards Phil Bonsal. I called on the Norwegian Ambassador at 10 rue Treilhard and had a good talk with him, enlivened by a few drinks of 1857 Port.

Roland Burden-Miller, who has loaned some American paintings to us, came for lunch with Daphne DuMaurier, Louise Iselin, etc.

This afternoon I saw Bradford, Vice President of United Press; Firman Roz, member of the Institute of Moral Sciences, who wanted to canvass the desirability of having General Eisenhower chosen for a vacant seat to replace the late Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. General Pershing had been a member until his death.

I saw André Géraud (Pertinax) who is about to start writing again as a contributor to the Baltimore Sun papers. I went to Pershing Hall to attend an American Legion meeting with M. Bertolaud, Minister of War Veterans, as guest of honor. There was a lot of champagne and conver-

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sation, but no speeches.

To-night we had a small farewell dinner for Helen Coolidge, and a young American violinist, Kenneth Gordon, played - [redacted] very well indeed. Mike Forrestal, the Carmoys, Ashley Clarke, Eleanor Johnson, the Magnusses (formerly Constance Coolidge) and others were there. The new chef was in great form. He started his career at the famous restaurant Voisin on rue Cambon which unfortunately folded up many years ago.

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Thursday, October 6, 1949.

Called on the Iranian Ambassador at 5 rue Fortuny, Compagnie des Indes and afterwards bought a porcelain bidet on the way back to the Embassy.

M. Petsche addressed the American Club at lunch and really did a wonderful job of brave talk, particularly since [redacted] that his government had resigned a couple of hours before.

The Minister of Thailand came [redacted] to see me this afternoon, as well as Mr. Leary, introduced by Lela Roosevelt; Chip Robert and Mr. Gilbert, who have just been on a trip in the Far East, also called. Later I saw Jean Seydoux, of Krug champagne, and my old friend Biffy Dunderdale, of the British Special Services.

Mr. C. S. Gulbenkian came to see me at the Residence. I had a [redacted] interesting talk with him about his art collections, some of which are loaned to the National Gallery in London, others to the National Gallery in

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Washington, [redacted] others are in Paris at his home here. He himself lives in Lisbon where he occupies a floor at the Aviz Hotel. He is a [redacted] determined and rather naughty [redacted] character, aged about 83.

We went to dinner at the Kotzebues'.

Went to see a exhibition after dinner by Gomez, an American artist of Spanish extraction.

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I saw George B. McKibbin who is interested in the National Conference of Christians-Jews, of which President Truman is Honorary President. He had some of his associates with him.

I took Loren Carroll with me to the exhibition of medals at the Hotel des Monnaies, which M. Petsche had invited me to attend. I then saw Harold Callender and later John Kenny, head of the ECA Mission in England. John was [redacted] concefned about conditions in that country and the possible danger of the effects of devaluation being wiped out by the rise of the cost of living. M. Henault, Deputy of the Manche, came to ask me to try to use some influence to have any shipping under MAP go as far as possible through the port of Cherbourg. He is also still in[redacted]ed in his idea of scenic highways and monuments along the Normandy coast at the various battle points.

We went to dinner tonight at the Brazilian Embassy, where there was a large number of people, starred by the

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beautiful Madame Martinez de Hoz. The dinner, as always, was sumptuous, and amongst other things we had a Jeroboam of Chambertin 1934.

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Saturday, October 8, 1949.

We went shooting at Robert Gérard's place near Rambouillet, taking the boys with us. They had a wonderful time, whimpering and screaming, but Brucie finally managed to retrieve two pheasants. The guns were: Hottinguer, de la Rivière and his wife, Sammy Hood, Chip and myself. We killed 23 pheasants, 2 partridges, 60 hares, and 218 rabbits. It was a wonderful day, - bright and sunny.

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Traf and Isabel Klotz came to lunch.

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Monday, October 10, 1949.

Pierre Nicolas of the great wine firm came in to see me and he is going to make up a list of possible purchases.

M. Ristic, the Yugoslav Ambassador, returned my recent call. He talks [redacted] frankly about the Russian-Yugoslav situation, and is [redacted] intelligent, [redacted]

Dear George Garrett came in, looking very well indeed. He has succeeded in getting an almost perpetual lease on the beautiful Legation Building in Phenix Park, Dublin, but says [redacted] the house is in such bad condition [redacted] it should be torn down and rebuilt. E. and I had lunch at the Restaurant Coucou, which has become one of the best in Paris.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Downs and her niece Miss Williams from Birmingham, Alabama, came to see me with a letter of introduction from Senator Lister Hill, as well as Mr. Hickman from Jacksonville, Fla, introduced by his

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Congressman. The Peruvian Ambassador returned my call, [redacted] I saw Russell Hill of the Herald-Tribune; Felix Morley, former President of Haverford, who was once editor of the Washington Post; Frank Lindsay from Washington, formerly of OSS, and Kenneth Downs, another OSS friend, [redacted] now the second man in Public Relations for Jack McCloy. Alan Kirk came in late in the evening and we had a long talk together.

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Tuesday, October 11, 1949.

Staff meeting this morning.

The Swedish Ambassador came to see me.

I had lunch with Petsche who is in the midst of conversations regarding the formation of a new Government.

Bédard, Director of the French Institute in New York, came to call, [redacted] then Ruault, Assistant Prefect of Police. The latter is a great friend of Elsie Mendl, and wanted some advice as to having her promoted in the Legion of Honor. I then saw John Chase, a nephew of Congressman Wigglesworth; Harold Callender of the New York Times, and at 8.30 went to Versailles to make a speech at the Paul Baerwald School, [redacted], which is an offshoot of the Joint Distribution Committee.

In the late afternoon I went to the exhibition of paintings of Yvonne Péne du Bois who was showing some work done in America. I also tried to see the paintings of Frank Henry, [redacted] formerly with ECA, but found the gallery closed.

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Wednesday, October 12,1949.

Mr. Kruger, President, and many of the thirty members of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce who are making a European tour, came to see me this morning. Afterwards, Charlie Munroe, who used to be President of the Columbia Gas and Electric Company and [redacted] now lives in the south of France and Nassau, called.

I had lunch with Averell at the Palais de Talleyrand on the products of his excellent snack bar.

Teddy White of the Overseas News Agency and Gene Requin, [redacted] head of the Association of American Volunteers with the French Army 1914-1917, came in. Later, Count de Bagneux, who is handling the French end of Gertie Legendre's "Medway Plan", a rather extensive charitable undertaking, told me of developments there. Ray Dickey called; he has just arrived back to head the small business office of OSR.

We had a cocktail party of about 250 people in the afternoon.

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Thursday, October 13, 1949.

We were delayed in getting off to Bordeaux by fog, and finally left at two and arrived there at four. The Consul, Mr. Linthicum, met us, [redacted] we inspected the consular establishment and shook hands with all the people there. We then went to the USIS where they were having a display for French children. The Consul has no house and lives in a hotel. The offices are rented. The Government ought to buy property for these two purposes, but thus far has been unable to locate anything which seems entirely satisfactory. The USIS activities are well cared for in a building [redacted] they have just rented.

We motored out to-night about 50 kilometers to Château Lafitte where we stayed with Elie and Liliane de Rothschild. As might be expected, they produced [redacted] excellent wine [redacted] for dinner, including Meursault 1926, Château Lafitte 1926, Château Lafitte 1895, Chateau Lafitte 1870, and Château Suduirault [redacted] 1928. It is a [redacted] attractive small

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chateau, part of which dates back to the 12th century, but is furnished almost entirely in the so-called Rothschild style of about 1840. There are approximately 60 acres of vineyard and a yield of about 100,000 bottles a year. The property is owned by Elie and his brother Alain, and their cousins Guy and Maurice, but Elie is the head of the operating company.

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Friday, October 14, 1949.

We spent the morning going over the various stages of wine making operations and it was fascinating. Bill and Betsy Tyler, E and myself, and the two dogs lunched at the famous Chapon Fin, which was well up to its reputation. We left at 2.15 for Paris and I got back to the office about 5.15.

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Saturday, October 15,1949.

Colonel and Mrs. Rethoré, and her father, General Houdemon came to see me this morning. I had known Rethoré under the name of Colonel Bilbane when he was attached to the OSS unit [redacted] at General Patton's headquarters. He is an exceptionally fine officer and is now going to the States as part of the French military Mission.

We went down to see La Lanterne at Versailles this afternoon and found everything practically finished, for the dining room, except the "carrelage", many of the stones of which had been broken in transit between the factory and the Versailles railway station.

We had a dinner to-night for General and Mrs. James Farley, the Kirks, the de Rochambeaux, Gaston Palewsky, Sue Rosenberg, Mrs. Banner Bloomingdale, Congressman Thurman Chatham, Congressman Rubicoff, the Smith-Huttons, and others.

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Sunday, October 16, 1949.

Jamie and Sybil, Chip and Avis, Ridgway E and myself and the boys set off this morning for a shoot [redacted] arranged by Maître Radot, through Ridgway's [redacted] kind offices. Maître Radot, [redacted] a [redacted] delightful and conversational sportsman, [redacted] is President of the Saint Hubert Society. We arrived at our destination, only 30 kilometers from Paris on the Fontainebleau road, here our host and hostess, M. et Mme Pastré, gave us, at 11.30, a light collation before shooting. This snack consisted of quite a few courses with a large amount of champagne and other drinks. We finally got under way about 12.30 and had a wonderful afternoon. The bag was 39 partridges, 6 hares, 5 pheasants, and 2 rabbits. Nothing could have been more genial and our hosts, including Maître Radot, were hospitable [redacted] to the last degree.

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Monday, October 17, 1949.

The Norwegian Ambassador, M. Andvord, came in this morning to make a return call and I expect to see him at the shoot at Rambouillet on Sunday.

The Chinese Chargé d'Affaires, Tuan Mao Lan, came to see me. The Chinese Embassy is in a [redacted] perlexing situation. The majority of the staff announced [redacted] they were transferring their allegiance from the Nationalist Government to the Communist régime, and about the same time the Chinese Ambassador became involved in a terrible automobile accident and has been for some days on the point of death at the hospital. He has resigned, and his resignation has been accepted by his government. Following that, the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires at London, Tuan Mao Lan, was sent over to take charge of the Paris Embassy and [redacted] given authority to recruit reliable men from other Chinese diplomatic establishments. [redacted] He is now in the Embassy with a certain number of faithful alongside [redacted] the heretics.

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Unfortunately for him, the latter possess the codes, and deny him access to them. He has asked the French Government to eject the Communists on his staff, but it has delayed doing so, stating [redacted] this has raised a point of international law [redacted] never before [redacted] presented to it. The newspapers, of course, are having a field day, and it is [redacted] embarrassing to the already shattered prestige of the Chinese Nationalist representatives here.

M. Pignon, French High Commissioner in Indochina, and his opposite number from the Foreign Office, an expert on Indochinese affairs, came to lunch to-day with Messrs. Bonbright, Wallner, Knight and Boswell. Pignom is generally encouraged about the way things are going in that part of the world. He agrees with us, however, that it is

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most important [redacted] the South East Asia countries and particularly India support the Bao Dai experiments as soon as possible - the sooner the better.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger DeWitt of Independence, Missouri, with a letter from Mrs. Truman, came to call this afternoon. They were [redacted] friendly and pleasant. Cy Sulzburger, who has been spending a good deal of the summer in Greece and Yugoslavia, came in with his large dog. Afterwards, Mr. William Shimer, who is executive head of the Fulbright scheme in France, called. Mr. William E. Knox, President of the Westinghouse Company, and Mr. Lewis, Paris representative, paid me a visit. They were followed by the advance guard of the Putnam Phalanx who are here to arrange a European tour for various U.S. military organizations next spring. They will wear revoluntionary army costumes and parade up the Champs Elysées, at the end of which they will light the sacred flame. USIS had an exhibition at 41 Faubourg Saint Honoré this evening

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of American graphic art. It was a small, but good show.

We went this evening to [redacted] the opening production of Tennessee Williams' Play "A Streetcar named Desire". It was adapted by Jean Cocteau and translated by Paule de Beaumont, [redacted] our hostess. I have never seen it at home, but thought it extremely well put on here, the scenery being especially good and the cast first class.

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Tuesday, October 18, 1949

Milt Katz came over this morning and made an exposé of ECA problems to about thirty of our personnel in his usual vivid and lucid fashion. His powers of presentation, his quickness and intelligence are altogether exceptional.

Peter Prince who is broadcasting in Bern, Switzerland, rode around with me to Dr. Halley-Smith's office.

Afterwards we had a lunch at the residence for Madame Clayburgh, the Eberstadts, Hugh Russell, Billy Kroner. (Alma Gluck), Madame Clayburgh thinks there have been no opera singers as great as her contemporaries. She is full of interesting anecdotes about them.

This afternoon I went to see Frank Henry's paintings, and afterwards tasted George Sumner's German Moselles at the Residence with some kindred spirits.

Last night it was announced that Moch had been unable to form a government, so this whole painful and critical affair of installing a new cabinet is to be gone over again.

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Wednesday, October 19,1949.

Jim Farley and Makinsky of the Coca-Cola Company came in this morning to say [redacted] they were going ahead with their plans to sell Coca-Cola in France. Various French governments have objected to it because of [redacted] protestsfrom the wine trade, and especially from the Communists. I went to the Hotel de Ville to pay a courtesy call on the President of the Municipal Council, Pierre de Gaulle, the brother of the General. I found him [redacted] intelligent and cordial, [redacted]

We had lunch at the Cercle Interallié with the Blisses, the Crown Prince of Sweden, the former French Ambassador to the United States, M. de Saint Quentin, and a Swedish general.

This afternoon Messrs. Blau and Becker from the Department of Commerce came to see me, - they are about to make a trip in connection with Point 4 of the President's program, through Africa. John Speaks called. He is deeply interested in Television, but at the same time is endeavoring to get a Coca-Cola concession in the south.

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of France financed by the moving picture interests which have frozen funds here. I saw Mr. S. B. Turman, Vice President of Life Brothers Steamship Lines, and his associate William Kerr. Afterwards the Australian Ambassador, Col. Hodgson, came to say goodbye. He is leaving for Japan at the end of this month. I then talked to David Schoenbrun before going [redacted] to see M. Schuman. He wanted to discuss some German problems. [redacted] He was [redacted] temperate and cooperative.

General O'Hare and his wife had a big cocktail party at the Crillon. The Gerards and the Wallners came for dinner and afterwards we went to [redacted] Katherine Dunham's new show. I did not think it [redacted] as good as the one last year, but it was full of color and vibrations of every sort. We went back stage to see Miss Dunham and her husband.

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Thursday, October 20, 1949.

Ronald Lee of the National Trust for Historical Buildings in the United States came to see me this morning, and later George Perkins, who has arrived to preside over the meetings of American Ambassadors in Europe. The Iranian Ambassador made a return call, then I went to lunch at the Plaza Athenée to meet Phil Reed, the new President of the International Chamber of Commerce. Phil was in his usual good spirits and looking young. Petsche and Devinat were there; the latter expressed himself as gloomy about the political situation, although he expects René Mayer to get the necessary votes for investiture.

Loren Carroll came in this afternoon and Baron Guillaume, the Belgian Ambassador. John Gallois called to propound a proposition to carry out a vast irrigation scheme in Morocco.

We had a large cocktail party this afternoon and

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afterwards I had a good talk with General Kenny whom

Merian Cooper had telegraphed me about.

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Friday, October 21, 1949.

The meeting of the Ambassadors convened this morning with Messrs. Harriman, Kirk, Dunn, Douglas, McCloy, Bohlen and myself, Tick Bonesteel with Averell and Messrs. Perkins, MacArthur and Joyce from the Department. Woodie was sort of a reporter general and the discussions were [redacted] interesting, [redacted]. Half an hour was lost while photographers took pictures of everyone.

I saw Congressman Mansfield just before lunch to deliver him a message from the Department asking him whether he would succeed George Allen as Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Information. George has just been selected as Ambassador to Yugoslavia, to replace Cavendish Cannon who has done an excellent job there but whose health is bad.

Averell had a lunch for the Ambassadors, and afterwards we reconvened and spent the afternoon in further conversations.

I stopped in at the reception for Dean Beekman's

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successor, and arrived home just in time for a dinner [redacted] we were giving for 30 people. There were all the Ambassadors, [redacted] including those from behind the Iron Curtain with their wives, and others [redacted] immediately connected with this meeting.

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Saturday, October 22,1949.

We spent the morning going over drafts of recommendations flowing out of our meeting to be made to the Department. At eleven o'clock, Jack McCloy and I left to call on M. Schuman, with whom Jack discussed [redacted] Franco-German problems. We returned to the meeting, and I had a lunch for Senators Green, Ferguson, Young, Jenner and Ellender, together with members of their staff.

We spent a long afternoon at the Ambassadors' meeting and it finally adjourned to-night.

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Sunday, October 23, 1949.

I went to the Presidential shoot at Rambouillet this morning where we rendez-vousedat 9.45 over chocolate and coffee. At the last moment President Auriol, who is passionately fond of shooting, found himself unable to attend since René Mayer decided this morning [redacted] he would be unable to form a cabinet and gave up the attempt.

Rambouillet is a beautiful property for pheasant shooting and we had wonderful sport. About half the pheasants were wild and about half raised. We killed 496 pheasants, amongst which I shot one which was entirely white, [redacted] I am going to have it stuffed. Those present were: the Danish Ambassador, the Austrian Minister, Duff Cooper, the Swiss Minister, the Norwegian Ambassador, Bonnefous, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly; Koscziusko of the President's cabinet; Paul Auriol, whose beautiful wife was [redacted] seriously hurt in an airplane accident a couple of months ago, [redacted] In all there were ten guns; each person had two loaders who were supposed to count the birds shot by their patrons. At the end of the shoot, there was a tableau at the end of the lawn where the game was spread out and photographs taken. The President had [illegible] presented each person with a card showing the number of birds shot. I think my card was [redacted] exaggerated for I was down for 149 pheasants. We had

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a wonderful lunch over which President Arriol presided. I had a talk with him afterwards about the political situation and he was [redacted] gloomy. We did not shoot in the afternoon and left about five o'clock.

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Monday, October 24,1949.

We left for London by plane this morning at ten o'clock. We flew for quite a long time through a snow storm and there was [redacted] heavy icing on the plane, but the weather broke as we arrived over England and became [redacted] clear.

E., Monica Wallner and I went to Claridge's [redacted] to stay. We dined to-night with Lew and Peggy Douglas.

Atlee's speech in the Commons this afternoon and his broadcast to-night seem to have disappointed everyone.

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Tuesday, October 25,1949.

I went to the meeting of the American Ambassadors to Satellite countries this morning. Most of the discussion was on East-West trade.

Had an early lunch at Bucks Club and we took off from Northolt airport at three o'clock. There were [redacted] strong head winds and it was over two hours before we landed at Orly.

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Wednesday, October 26, 1949.

Saw Harold Callender, Joe Kingsbury Smith, the Dutch Ambassador, General Tate and others.

Had a dinner to-night for twenty including the Norwegian Ambassador, the Cuban Minister, the Swiss Minister, Bob and Mildred Bliss, Turner Cameron, the Rudolph Hottinguers, etc.

I at last got around to the exhibition of Miss Scribner Ames at the Galerie Chardin. She is [redacted] earnest about her work, and has done almost 40 canvasses this year.

I went to the Cité Universitaire where about 250 of the newly arrived Fulbright scholarship students were convened. Several of us made short speeches.

Had Dick Bissel and Chip for lunch, and afterwards saw George Perkins and Elie de Rothschild.

I went to the Chamber of Deputies at four o'clock to hear Bidault present himself in connection with the vote for Prime Minister. He was followed by various other speakers, the most lengthy and eloquent of whom was M. Duclos of the Communist party. At the conclusion of every few sentences the Communists would clap loudly.

Averell and I went at seven o'clock to call on Schuman who had Petsche with him. Averell discussed certain arrangements in connection with the forthcoming OEEC meeting.

We had dinner to-night at the British Embassy as a sort of farewell for the Ashley Clarkes who are now staying with us. Mr. Schuman, the Vaniers, the Duff Coopers and about fifteen others were there for dinner, and afterwards two or three hundred people came in, many of them from the Foreign Office.

Late to-night, Bidault was invested as Prime Minister by a vote of 367 to 183.

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Friday, October 28, 1949.

I saw Congressman Ribicoff of Connecticut this morning and had an interesting talk with him. He is a live wire, [redacted]

Senators Bricker, Sparkman and Frear and their staff came to lunch to-day with Ridgeway, Terrill and Barry Bingham.

M. Raphael, the Greek Ambassador, called this afternoon. Also M. Firman Roz and Baron Ernest Seillière who want me to invite General Eisenhower to take the vacant seat in the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques. Irving Brown came in, and afterwards Loren Carroll, [redacted] then Francis Knight, a friend of John Snyder. Finally, Senator McCarran, Chairman of the Watchdog Committee, arrived with J. A. Johnstone.

We went to a dinner given tonight [redacted] by Mrs. Bloomingdale at the Ritz.

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Saturday, October 29, 1949.

Preston Grover of AP came to see me to introduce Mr. Davidson, one of their new men in Paris. We had [redacted] important cables in from Washington this morning which require discussion with Schuman as soon as possible.

Immediately after lunch, I went down to Robert Gérard's place near Rambouillet and in about two hours we shot [redacted] a couple of hundred rabbits. [redacted]e party had already killed 240 that morning. It is not a sport [redacted] I like. The dogs were in a wild state of excitement.

I saw M. Schuman at six o'clock and found him agreeable to the proposed meeting to re-discuss dismantlement and other problems.

Jamie, Woody, Turner and myself stayed at the office until about 9.30 and sent off the necessary telegrams to Washington.

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Sunday, October 30, 1949.

Paul Hoffman arrived yesterday and is staying with us. I saw him for the first time this morning at breakfast. We rode down together to the Embassy where we spent the morning reading a new spate of cables from Washington and writing answers.

We had a lunch for Charlie and Theo Winn, David Patton, head of ECA Mission in Portugal, General and Mrs. Hayes Kroner and Helen Bruce.

I left after the first course to join the meeting [redacted] Paul was holding elsewhere in the house regarding his speech to OEEC to-morrow.

This afternoon we took Ashley and Jim to see La Lanterne and dined to-night with the Petsches. They had a huge party for Paul, and I had an opportunity after dinner to have a long talk with Bidault.

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Monday, October 31, 1949.

We had lunch at Véfour to-day in the Palais Royal, formerly known as the Café de Chartres. It is one of the most interesting restaurants in Paris and has just issued a booklet celebrating its 200th anniversary with articles written by Colette, Jean Cocteau and an illustration by Bérard.

I saw Viola Ilma, Mrs. Eckstrom and Arthur Altmayer, Social Security, etc. this afternoon, and called on M. Schuman to-night.

Bob Bliss came in to-day to say goodbye. He and Mildred are leaving on Wednesday for England, and then home.

Turner, Jamie and I went to see an exhibition by Turner's friend, Pierre Eugène Clairin. To my absolute astonishment I found he had spent a long time in Baltimore, and even more remarkable had been a guest in the house of mutual friends at Ruxton.

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Tuesday, November 1,1949.

I went to see Mr. Schuman again this morning in connection with the possible visit of Dean Acheson next week-end. Paul Hoffman, [redacted] is busy with his negotiations looking toward the economic unification of Europe.

We spent the afternoon at the office, going over the [redacted] cables connected with matters that might be brought up in the event [redacted] there is a Tripartite Conference. Mr. Schuman stopped at the Residence and we had a further talk about the Acheson visit. I discussed the matter as far as security would permit on the telephone with Lew Douglas, and to-night we sent off another cable to the Secretary.

Dinner with the Clarkes and Paul Hoffman. The Clarkes are leaving to-morrow morning for England where he will take up his new assignment.

The other day I asked Georges Salles, Director of French Museums, what he estimated it would cost to put

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the Versailles Palace in proper [redacted] condition and make the most pressing repairs. He estimated that a sum of about one billion six hundred million francs would be necessary, - roughly fifty million dollars.

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Wednesday, November 2,1949.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shirpser of Berkeley,California, with a letter from Senator Knowland, came in this morning. I was [redacted] happy to see them.

Ashley and Jim left to-day for England, but Paul Hoffman is staying on for another day so [redacted] he can see Mr. Bevin to-night.

This afternoon I saw Mr. Holland of UNESCO [redacted] then a delegation of sales representatives of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Colonel MacCloskey introduced General Bouscat, [redacted] formerly chief of staff of the French air force; [redacted] he is going as French representative to an exposition at Port-au-Prince [redacted] the beginning of January.

We had a large reception at the Residence this afternoon, and afterwards [redacted] went to dinner at Georges Villier's.

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Thursday, November 3, 1949.

René Poulenc of the Nicolas wine firm, came in to present me with their new catalogue and we had an interesting chat. I then saw Patrick Dean who is over here with Mr. Bevin. He told me [redacted] Bevin was concerned because Schuman at this morning's Council of Europe had not seemed to be quite clear [redacted] regarding the US attitude toward the possible admission of Germany as an associate member.

Mrs. Bloomingdale came in to communicate what she thought an important item of gossip about the visit made by Jules Moch to the Pope.

I went over to see Schuman especially in connection with what Patrick Dean had told me, and stopped on the way to talk to Averell about the message [redacted] Hoffman and himself wanted me to give to Schuman [redacted] about making Spaak the active [redacted] head of OEEC. I had a satisfactory talk with Schuman, and the question now is [redacted] when Dean Acheson will come over.

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Mr. Atterholt, the representative of US Lines in Spain and Portugal came in to call on me as did Colonel Drake, Chairman of the Gulf Oil Company, whose Tunisian concession now seems to be in good shape, and Constantine Brown, columnist of the Washington Star.

Late this evening, George Perkins telephoned from Washington to confirm that the Secretary could be here for meetings on November 10 and 11 if that suits Messrs. Schuman and Bevin.

The Brazilian Martins came for dinner, E and J [redacted] are [redacted] sad about their retiring.

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Lunched at Baroness Edouard de Rothschild's house at 19 avenue Foch, - a superb collection of pictures, furniture, porcelains and objets d'art of every kind, to say nothing of some excellent 1924 Chateau Lafitte.

We decorated M. Bousquet of the Foreign Office this afternoon with the Medal of Freedom for his good intelligence work during the war. I saw M. Gachon the AFP diplomatic correspondent, Loren Carroll and Harold Callender, as well as Ashley's wine merchant friend Mr. Mascot, and Mike McLanahan and his banking friend Mr. Brandily.

We are still trying to arrange a definite day for Dean Acheson's arrival, and I am to see Mr. Bevin and M. Schuman about it to-night.

Saturday, November 5, 1949.

I saw the President and some of the officers of the Worthington Pump Company, [redacted] also Bert Jolis and Admiral Connolly. The Admiral has an interesting job ahead of him with Atlantic Pact regional committees.

This afternoon I saw M. Schuman and Mr. Bevin about the Secretary's visit and after a long struggle reached Washington by telephone to arrange further details.

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Sunday, November 6, 1949.

Twenty people came to lunch, amongst them Representative and Mrs. Dewey Short, Mrs. James K. Vardaman and her son, the Schweizers, the Paul Boncours, Bert Jolis and others.

Afterwards, the Ambrose Chambers, Turner and ourselves went to the pavillion at Versailles.

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Monday, November 7, 1949.

I saw Congressman Zablocki this morning, and an alert man he is. I had asked him and Senator Magnusson to lunch yesterday but unfortunately neither were able to come.

Ridge and I set out at 12.30 for the Vallée de Chevreuse to attend a luncheon at the Restaurant de l'Yvette given by the Académie de Vin de France. There are twenty members of this Academy and it was a notable occasion. We sat down at about 1.15 and left the table at five o'clock, which is not surprising in view of the menu, which was as follows:

L'Omelette du Curé de Brillat-Savarin
La Noix de Riz de Veau en Feuilleté
La Gigue de Chevreuil Grand-Veneur
et les Marrons d'Angervillier
La Salade Aidée à l'Huile d'Olive
The Trois Premiers Fromages Français
Le Roquefort-Société
Le Brie
et le Camembert Nord du Manoir de Cléville
Le Gâteau de Riz Maltaise.
Les Très Beaux Fruits de la Vallée de Chevreuse

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Amongst the wines were: Chevalier-Montrachet 1947, Les Gaudichots 1929, Chateau Ausone 1921, Clos des Goisses-Champagne Brut 1942, and Château Margaux 1900, which was literally marvelous as was also M. Briand's Fine Champagne 1904. I sat between M. Briand, from whom I had recently bought ten cases of this same fine champagne, and Baron LeRoy, who is a producer in the Rhône Valley. It was one of the pleasantest luncheons I have ever attended. There were, of course, numerous speeches, of which I contributed three. It really seems extraordinary that, with this tremendous assortment of drink, no one showed in the least degree any effects from it of an intoxicating nature, although I think the spirits of all were slightly elevated.

Harvey Williams, [redacted] in charge of the foreign business here of H. J. Heinz Company, came in this afternoon, and later Robert de Billy with M. Béchard, the French High Commissioner in Dakar. The latter invited me to go down there and visit him during the winter.

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E. the O'Hares and myself went to the Soviet Embassy to-night for their reception celebrating the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Republic. It was a protocol affair, and [redacted] stiff. The Soviet Ambassador must have been somewhere on the premises, but we never saw him, since some other official was receiving the guests with Madame Bogomolov. Next to the large salon, in which most of the guests were crowded, [redacted] was a small room, the door of which was occasionally opened and shut. We passed through that room on our way out and it seemed to be more or less reserved for special guests as there was a finer assortment of food, drink, etc. than in the other place. I hear [redacted] this practice is always customary at large Soviet receptions. To my disappointment, I saw no caviar but had some [redacted] smooth Vodka.

Nancy Lancaster arrived to-day from England to stay a few days with us and we had dinner with her to-night.

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Tuesday, November 8,1949.

Saw Harold Callender this morning and afterwards went with Averell to meet Dean Acheson's plane. He and Averell, McCloy, Luke Battle and I had lunch together. Afterwards, we went to the office and the above plus Bohlen, Nitze, Byroade, Lew Douglas, George Perkins, Adrian Fisher and Averell Harriman had dinner at the Residence.

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Wednesday, November 9,1949.

The conferences started this morning at the Foreign Office. Dean and I went home and had lunch with Evangeline, Nancy Lancaster and John Fowler. The conferences were resumed this afternoon at the Quai d'Orsay and the same crowd that had dinner last night was back again to-night, with the exception of Averell and with the addition of Jimmy Riddleberger. Meanwhile, in the course of the afternoon we [redacted] a [redacted] reception.

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Thursday, November 10, 1949

Conference at the Quai d'Orsay this morning which adjourned for a [redacted] lunch given by M. Schuman. Afterwards, work was resumed and I had a dinner tonight for Messrs. Bidault, Schuman, Petsche, Moch, Pleven, Mayer, Parodi, Alphand, Acheson, Perkins, Bohlen, Bonbright, Douglas, McCloy, Byroade, Nitze, Fisher, Harriman and Bingham.

Friday, November 11, 1949

I sent a cable to Audrey to-day to congratulate her on her birthday. At eleven o'clock I went with Dean to the ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arc de Triomphe. This being Armistice Day for the first World War, there was an impressive celebration there.

Dean and I had lunch with Monsieur and Madame Bidault, and François-Poncet at the Hotel Matignon. He got off about four o'clock this afternoon with Jack McCloy, Lew Douglas and others for Germany. I was, as always, sorry to see him leave, and think his visit here was helpful.

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Saturday, November 12,1949.

Mallory Brown was over from London and came to see me. Then Messrs. Loren Carroll, Russell Hill and Harold Callendar separately called to try and find out anything of interest about [redacted] the recent conference. Obviously, I was not in a position to make any comment on it whatever, and equally obviously that did not please them.

Lane Timmons came to [redacted] tell me about a new difficulty which has arisen in connection with the shipment of ECA materials to French West Africa. He has received [redacted] stringent instructions on the subject from Washington.

I called on Oliver Harvey, and we had [redacted] a lengthy talk about various matters connected with the conference.

This afternoon I motored down to the Chateau de Grégy to see Mr. Codman. He is 87 years old but [redacted] alert mentally. He is disposing of some of his furniture, so I went off with a couple of jardinières and three Louis XVI chairs.

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To-night we gave a dinner for 26 people, primarily and for Clare Luce. The Petsches, the Portuguese Ambassador were amongst those there.

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Sunday, November 13, 1949.

I came down to the office this morning and talked with Barry Bingham, who had come back especially from London for the purpose, Lane Timmons, Horace Reed, Jamie and Ridgeway, further about the North Africa affair which has taken a most serious turn. They went off to see Alphand to try to work out something with him.

We motored to Chantilly for lunch with Diana and Duff, where there were: Henri Bernstein, the beautiful Maxime Falaise, a lot of English people, Mona Williams and Edwina d'Erlanger.

On the way back we bought a small plaque of Louis XV at Payol in Chantilly, one of the few antique shops I have met with in France that is open on Sunday.

When we returned, I found Messrs. Bingham, Timmons and Reed waiting for me with good news. They think they have settled the African problem.

En route from Chantilly to Paris we called on Monsieur and Madame Colas. He leases the Marigny theater and they are

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an [redacted] attractive couple. We had some fine old brandy [redacted] he had inherited, which he thinks was in a cask for almost one hundred years. It was thin and fiery and had no bouquet. His house is beautifully situated. [redacted] On one side it looks down upon [redacted] tree tops adorned with golden autumnal foliage and the view is so arranged that there is forest as far as the eye can see.

Bunny Head and his wife came in to see us. He has been working for four years with Lionel Curtis and [redacted] others on the idea of European Federation. He is now enthusiastic over Justice Roberts' and Will Clayton's proposals about it.

Maurice Petsche came to see me to-night, [redacted] worried about the budget situation and a multitude of other political matters. These French cabinet officers lead a terrible life. They never seem to have a moment's peace or leisure.

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Monday, November 14, 1949.

Congressmen McGrath, Horan, Coudert and members of their staff who are investigating ECA matters called on me and we had a long talk.

I walked home for lunch and afterwards saw David Houston and Philip Stull of the Hercules Powder Company, introduced by Tom Blaisdell. Later Mr. and Mrs. Leiby, he American and she Uruguayan, came in with a letter of introduction from the Uruguayan Ambassador. He wants me to help find her a place to live where she can play the piano.

Donald A. Lowrie, International YMCA representative, recounted his activities, and then Mr. Larkin to give a world-wide view of FBO undertakings.

I went with E this evening to a small reception at Carmen Esnault-Peleterie's at 23 rue Constantine. She is a descendant of Madame Tallien, whom I first met in Paris 24 years ago and I still think she is about the most attractive woman in Paris, which is rating her pretty high.

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Tuesday, November 15, 1949.

[redacted]f meeting this morning, [redacted] then a long talk [redacted]

[redacted]Wright Morrow, [redacted] Democratic National [redacted]

[redacted]man from Texas, [redacted]

[redacted] I saw the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. [redacted]

[redacted]oglu, who is shortly going to spend two weeks in [redacted]

[redacted]nce he is also accredited as Minister to [redacted]

He is worried as to whether our military fully [redacted]

[redacted]e the contribution which he thinks his country could [redacted]

[redacted]he event of Soviet [redacted] aggression.

[redacted]y Michael Hoffman, New York Times correspondent [redacted]

Archduke Otto of Austria, who has an unusually [redacted]

[redacted]rasp of Central European problems and who also [redacted]

[redacted]ossess access to valuable information from that part of [redacted]

[redacted] Cecil Brown, the broadcaster and [redacted]

[redacted]ame to see me, as well as Orsen Adams, Vice [redacted]

[redacted]of the First National Bank of Boston. [redacted]

[redacted]harles-Roux of the Foreign Office called, and [redacted]

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afterwards E. and I went to Reid Hall to see Miss Leet decorated, as she so fully deserves, with the Legion of honor by M. Joxe of the Cultural Relations division of the Foreign Office. Joxe made an eloquent and graceful presentation speech.

We went to a huge dinner at the Swiss Legation which occupies a beautiful 18th century house on the left bank. Mr. Burkhardt, the Minister, is resigning shortly but intends to live in France. Both he and his wife are charming.

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Wednesday, November 16, 1949.

Mr. McMillen, the Australian Chargé d'Affaires, Margaret came to see me and we talked about [redacted]/Biddle's difficulties in recapturing the house [redacted] owned by her but [redacted] used for offices by the Australian Embassy. I hope [redacted] something can be worked out.

The Anglo-American Press Club had a lunch to-day at the Griffon restaurant for Prime Minister Bidault. He was delayed by a cabinet meeting and was [redacted] late, so I missed his speech since I had to go and see [redacted] M. Schuman at three o'clock to talk to him about some cables from Mr. Acheson.

I saw Max Crocker from Chicago who had a letter of introduction from Jimmy Murphy. Crocker is concerned with furthering trips to Rome next year (Holy Year) by Germans.

I talked to George Perkins in Washington on the telephone about my conversation with Mr. Schuman.

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Dean Riddle, who is replacing Dean Beekman at the American Cathedral, called with his wife, and rather startled me by asking me to become a vestryman.

I then saw M. Saint Lot, the new Haitian Minister. He is a fine-looking [redacted] man, but is in the unhappy position of not having either an office or a home here provided by his government.

Theodore Weicker (Lowell's brother) of Squibb & Co., talked to me about their European business [redacted] then I had a visit from Garry Davis, the lively "citizen of the world". He made the great mistake of renouncing his American citizenship and now he wants to get it back which presents a [redacted] great legal and procedural difficulty. He is an engaging young man who has not displayed much, if any, judgment.

I had a long talk with George Bell this evening for the first time since he arrived here. He also is having housing difficulties.

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When I got home, I found Henry Hyde there.

As always, he was full of interesting information.

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Thursday, November 17, 1949.

I saw Mr. Robinson from Stockholm, together with Bob Terrill.

We had a lunch of about twenty people for the d'Erlangers. Afterwards I saw Phil Bonsal; Dr. Williams of the American Church; Mr. Hargrove of the Wall Street Journal; Marquis Childs and Albert Thomas, a Congressman from Texas.

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Friday, November 18,1949.

Averell, Barry, Tommy and myself went to see Petsche at the Ministry of Finance. Alphand and de Margerie were with them. De Margerie replaced Schweizer as Secretary General of the Interministerial Committee. The question involved the release of counterpart for November and December of this year, and also for the whole of next year. Petsche was [redacted] emotional and genuinely distressed about the financial prospects here, and thinks [redacted] the immediate release of the next two instalments [redacted] essential to a continuation of his policy, which is indeed a courageous one. We promised to give immediate consideration to his request.

Wright Morrow came to see me this morning, - he is leaving shortly for Spain, the Riviera and Italy, and will be back here in December. He had a long talk with M. Schuman yesterday and was [redacted] favorably impressed by the Foreign Minister.

This afternoon I saw Wally Thomas, head of the

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Office of International Trade and Commerce; Peter Keyser, nephew of Ellen Bruce; Congressman Melvin Price III; Mr. Rubin with a letter of introduction from Bob La Follette. Rubin is the publisher of [redacted]/"The Progressive" in Madison, Wisconsin). Then Mrs. Gibson and her son with a letter of introduction from Barney Baruch; Mr. Twitchell (son-in-law of Senator Smith of New Jersey) and other members of the Moral Rearmament Group from Caux, Switzerland; Loren Carroll and Thomas Cabot of the Godfrey Cabot Company of Bonston.

We had dinner with Bill and Betsy Tyler, and [redacted] Bill and I went to a large meeting of the France-Etats-Unis [redacted] attended by representatives of trade unions from various parts of France and also representatives of the Patronat. Many, including myself, [redacted] made speeches, [redacted]

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Saturday, November 19, 1949.

I left this morning to go down to Marcel Boussac's place at Mi-Voisin, about 86 miles from Paris, near Chatillon-Coligny, (Loiret). His little château there is perfectly beautiful and decorated with great taste. There were eleven guns and in spite of its being rainy and the trees still in full foliage, we had good sport. I left before the bag was counted, but I should think that we had killed about 75 partridges, 100 pheasants and quite a lot of hares.

I got back to Paris about nine o'clock to-night.

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Sunday November 20, 1949.

I met Barry and Tommy at the office this morning and we went over to see Petsche, who had de Margerie with him. We explored in greater detail the matters [redacted] we had discussed on Friday and again adjourned to see what could be worked out. At four o'clock, Barry, Tommy and I met again and went to see Averell with whom we had a further talk on this subject.

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Monday, November 21, 1949

Mr. Levy-Jacquemin, brother-in-law of Maurice Schuman, came in to talk about certain books on economics [redacted] he had written and theories he has evolved [redacted] for the solution of certain European problems.

I went out to the airport to meet members of the Congressional Sub-Committee on Armed Services: Senators Thomas, Chavez, McClellan, Maybank, Stennis, Thomas, Thye, and their staff.

Later in the afternoon, they all came to the office and we had a long talk about the situation in France.

I went to the American Pro-Cathedral with E. to attend the installation of Dr. Riddle who is taking the place of Dean Beekman. Chip Bohlen gave a large cocktail party this afternoon for the Senate Committee, and afterwards we had dinner with Joan Livingston.

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Tuesday, November 22, 1949.

Senator Thomas stopped in to see me and [redacted] next Mr. Delaney of A.F.L.

We lunched at the Bunny Carters at 9 Place du Palais Bourbon, and later I saw Harold Callender, Mr. Herman and Dr. Michelfelder of the Lutheran World Federation.

Cecelia Parker is spending the night with us and Bobby and Cora Clarkson came in for drinks with a French friend of Cecelia's.

We went to the first night of Marcel Achard's new play "La Demoiselle de Petite Vertuë". Afterwards, we went on with the Achards, Dewavrins, Yvonne Printemps, and a lot of others to [redacted] Maxim's, where we stayed late.

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Wednesday, November 23, 1949.

We had a lunch for the Senators and their wives of the Armed Services Committee and later I saw Dr. Pharaon, Minister of Saudi Arabia; Joe Kingsbury-Smith of the International News Service, and attended a reception give by the Groupe Parlementaire France-Etats-Unis of the Conseil de la République at the Palais Bourbon. I called on M. Schuman at six o'clock.

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Thursday, November 21, 1929.

E., Sasha and myself went to church this morning where I read the President's Proclamation.

The Suydam Cuttings, Mona Williams, the Bill Higgs, the Huntington Gilchrists and a lot of other people came to tea.

This morning I saw Mr. Angleton of CIA with Chip and Jamie.

To-night the American Legion had a huge banquet at the Cercle Interallié where the Minister of War Veterans and I made speeches.

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Friday, November 25,1949.

Jamie, Ridgway and myself and Maître Radot, President of the Saint Hubert Society, left this morning by plane for Nantes. We arrived at the Lac Grandlieu about two in the afternoon and after lunch we went duck shooting on this wonderful property. Unfortunately, the water was absolutely calm, and although there were thousands of ducks they were not circulating freely.

We stayed in a house in the little village of Passay, and to-night the Mayor of one of the nearby towns and the Prefect of the department, M. André Lahilonne, and ourselves all had a tremendous dinner.

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Saturday, November 26,1949.

The fog was so heavy this morning [redacted] we could not get into our barrels out in the lake until about nine o'clock. Again there was no wind and the shooting was disappointing to our French friends, although not to us.

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Sunday, November 27, 1949.

A repetition of yesterday.

This evening, the President of the Association of 57 Fishermen, who control the lake, had a vin d'honneur for us in a small local tavern. I was presented a beautiful little wooden decoy carved by the Passay hotel keeper.

To-night a dinner attended by the Prefect and his wife, together with a man from Nantes and his wife, the former of whom had been shooting with us each day.

We [redacted] killed a couple of hundred ducks during our visit, but the local people thought [redacted] we had been provided with insufficient sport.

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Monday, November 28,1949.

We left the airport at 11 o'clock after having looked at a curious 8th century Romanesque church at Passay.

I returned to the office this afternoon and found a large accumulation of work.

This evening, Bill Jackson, Pauline Potter and others came to dinner. Ellen Bruce and her niece, Julie Treide, arrived by boat train to-day from Cherbourg in time for dinner and are staying at the house.

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Tuesday, November 29,1949.

Staff meeting this morning. Afterwards I saw Walter Wanger who is interested in making [redacted] moving pictures in France. Bill Jackson came in with his lawyer, Arthur Mag, to discuss a situation which has arisen in connection with a company in which he is interested. [redacted]

This afternoon, John Green of the Department of Commerce talked to me about various scientific matters. Next, Congressman Frederick Coudert from New York called on me. Immediately afterwards, I left for the airport with Averell to meet Secretary of Defense Johnson, Jim Bruce and others in his party.

To-night I had a men's dinner for General Bradley. We were 14 in all.

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Wednesday, November 30, 1949.

Minister Burkhardt of Switzerland came to say goodbye this morning. He is retiring and expects to devote himself for sometime to writing. Both he and his wife are not only charming, but he is a man of deep culture and wisdom, and a great loss to the Diplomatic Corps here.

We went out to Verrières to lunch following the wedding of André de Vilmorin and Andrée de Montesquiou. It was pleasant and we saw lots of friends. Afterwards Congressman Henry M. Jackson of Washington State, of the House Appropriations Committee, came to the office. I had seen him last year and was again struck by his lively and intelligent interest in French affairs. Selden Chapin, who has recently taken up his post as Ambassador to Holland had a talk with me, and then Mr. Andrews, the new Ambassador of the Union of South Africa. John Mowinckel came to say goodbye. He is going home for a short time and then is to become Press representative in Italy for ECA.

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I went to a reception given by M. Pleven, at the Ministry of National Defense, for the various Chiefs of Staff who are attending the Conference of Atlantic Pact Nations.

Afterwards I had a dinner for Secretary Johnson and 14 other men at the Residence.

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Thursday, December 1, 1949.

I had a long talk to-day with Senator Chavez of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Harold Callender called. Mr. C. W. Wright and Mr. Harold Neustedier of the National Lead Company, who have been investigating mineral possibilities in Greece and Africa, were interesting on the subject of the investment of foreign capital in such ventures. Charlie Dewey is leaving to-morrow and came in to say Goodbye, as well as Mr. Baldwin, the U. S. Political Adviser at Trieste.

We had a reception at the Embassy, the guests at which included Congressmen Jackson, Chavez, Coudert, and some others, as well as Katherine Dunham, the Hamilton Rices, etc., and dined to-night with the Gerald Mayers where there were quite a few moving picture people, amongst them the attractive Rosalind Russell.

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Friday, December 2,1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Perey came to see me this morning. He is the Administrative A[illegible]nt to Senator Connolly and is of course a Texan. E and I had lunch to-day - and a [illegible] good one -at the Embassy mess. It is beautifully arranged [illegible] as is the store, the large area in which they keep their stocks and everything pertaining to the commissary.

Clair Irish, who is leaving shortly for home, came to see me, as did Drew Dudley, who has recently arrived to take over certain [illegible] publicity duties at the International Bank. Loren Carroll paid his usual visit. Howard Corcoran has just reached Paris and is quite naturally alarmed at the present situation in regard to the Dupuy case. Arthur Roseborough has become associated with Bill Jackson and [illegible] the latter's lawyer in the Spencer Cheminal Company affair arising out of the [illegible] explosion of a nitrate cargo at Brest last year.

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I saw Barry Bingham for a while on a variety of ECA matters, [redacted] then Oliver Harvey came by to talk about the Austrian Treaty affair [redacted] we are to take up with Mr. Schuman to-night. At seven o'clock we saw Mr. Schuman, who is willing to go along with the American and British points of view on the treaty with one exception, namely, that affecting the protection of displaced persons and refugees in Austria. He considers [redacted] such protection is an important obligation as a matter of international morality, and [redacted] if the three Western Powers allow the Russians to insert the sort of language they desire in this regard, it will mean a betrayal of these wretched people. Schuman is always [redacted] serious, but he was more so on this occasion than I have ever seen him. [redacted] his argument seemed to me [redacted] convincing.

Upon returning from the Foreign Office, I telephoned the results to Tommy Thompson in Washington, and we got

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off a long explanatory cable to them to-night.

Jim and Ellen [redacted] left the house [redacted] motor [redacted]

around the first World War battlefields.

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Saturday, December 3, 1949.

Kay Halle and Joanne and Herbert Elliston are arriving to-day to stay for a short time. They are bound for India. We are having a large dinner for them to-night.

Things are very quiet at the office this morning but are not likely to remain so long. One very touchy problem coming up to-day is that of the Coca Cola Company. The Communists have been carrying on a ferocious campaign for a year against what they call the cocaïzation of France, and the wine growers of the country are equally ardent in opposition to plans for an expanded sale of this product. The Coca Cola people are determined to go ahead and also to engage in their usual advertising displays, including among other features, it is said, a blazing sign on a 142 foot tower. They have relinquished, rather regretfully, the idea of using the Eiffel Tower. Legislation was introduced last week in Parliament by three

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different deputies aimed at this company. It is a clear case of discrimination and we have protested vigorously against it, although I think the Company's advertising proposals are psychologically extremely stupid.

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Sunday, December 4, 1949.

Spent the morning at the house, and went for lunch at a château near Fontenailles, the property of the Comtesse Greffuhle. Lunched there as the guest of Philippe Hottinguer who had asked me, through Woodie, to shoot. We saw quite a lot of game in the afternoon. I had missed the morning shoot where they killed over 200 rabbits. We shot 25 or 30 pheasants in the afternoon, going back to the château for tea. Then I stopped at Philippe's house and arrived in Paris about 8 o'clock to find Bill and Beulah Foster there. The Ellistons and Kay had been notified of the delay of their plane.

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Monday, December 5, 1949.

Kay and the Ellistons left this morning at three o'clock.

I saw Mathew Woll at the office; he is quite enthusiastic over the results of the Labor conference in London. Jack Ide came to see me this afternoon and afterwards Arthur Compton, the famous physicist, who is Chairman of the Washington University at Saint Louis. Sammy Hood and Brown of the British Embassy came around to talk about the Austrian Treaty and what further approaching might be made to Mr. Schuman in regard to his attitude about the protection of displaced persons and refugees.

To-night we had a big dinner at the Embassy for the Boswells and Knights who are shortly leaving. The guests were members of the Political Section. I thought the woodcock flambé à l'anglaise.

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Tuesday, December 6, 1949.

I saw Audrey Bouverie this morning. She has been ill for a long time and has given up her apartment in Paris which is now occupied [redacted] by Colonel Jacobs. She apparently had a terrific row with him, but he got the apartment.

I lunched at the Suez Canal Company at 1 rue d'Astorg as a guest of Kippy Tuck. There were about forty people, including M. Schuman, and I had an opportunity after lunch to talk to him about the Austrian Treaty and the Dupuy case. To my surprise, the food and wine were [redacted] mediocre, but the setting is wonderfully plush and Victorian.

Morris Ernst came in this afternoon and talked about some clients in Morocco, [redacted] then Turner Catledge of the New York Times arrived. I went to see M. Letourneau, Minister of Overseas Territories, and had a long conversation with him about Indochina.

This evening E and I went to a cocktail party at the Cercle Interallié given by Averell and Milton Katz and their

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wives for the Fosters.

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Wednesday, December 7,1949.

Talked to John Stewart about agricultural matters.

The Dutch Ambassador came in to discuss the liberalization of trade between Western European countries, which is not going well. Afterwards I saw Mr. Larkin of FBO and lunched deliciously at the Norwegian Embassy at 34 rue François Premier. The Ambassador is an unusually attractive fellow. We had a marvelous lunch with Chateau Mouton d'Armaillac 1919, Cheval Blanc1934, Port 1851 and Fine Champagne 1801. The las two wines were bought in 1880 by his predecessor.

This afternoon I saw Mr. Lesto and Mr. LeHideux the new head of the Ford Motor Company in France, and then David Schoenbrun of CBS, and Mr. Foster Hailey of the New York Sunday Times, before going on to a reception given by General Revers, Chief of the French General Staff.

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Thursday, December 8, 1949

Had a talk with George Brewer this morning about [redacted] a possible ECA contribution to the American Hospital.

Clem Brown of Pan American Airways, [redacted] President of the Paris American Christmas Fund, came in and we were photographed together accepting contributions.

Huck Kilby telephoned me from Anniston, Alabama, about his brother Tom who is ill in a hospital in Milan. He wants me to communicate with the Consulate there and get a report on him.

I had Congressman Pfeiffer and several other members, as well as the staff, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for lunch. Afterwards I saw various people in the afternoon, and left just in time to have dinner with Teddy White and seven other newspaper correspondents at White's apartment at 24 rue Boccador. We had an interesting and animated interchange of ideas, especially on Indochina. I got home about 2 o'clock in the morning.

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Friday, December 9, 1949.

I had nineteen of the members and staff of the House Committee on Appropriations to lunch. Among the guests were:

Congressman Kirwan (Ohio)
Congressman Hedrick (West Virginia)
Congressman Rooney (New York)
Congressman Flood (Pennsylvania)
Congressman Fogarty (Rhode Island)
Congressman Stockman (Oregon)
Mr. Deschler (Parliamentarian of House)
Mr. Harvey (Clerk)
Mr. Howe (Executive Secretary)
Mr. Hall (State Department)
Major Quinn (Defense)
Ambassador Harriman
Mr. Barry Bingham
Mr. Bonbright

Afterwards they came back to the office. [redacted]

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Percy Winner came to see me in the afternoon, as well as Loren Carroll, [redacted] then I went to attend the meeting of the American Library in Paris, of which I am President.

To-night at ten o'clock there was the annual dinner of the Anglo-American Press Association at Claridge's. I invited Schneiter, Minister of Health, Claudius-Petit, Minister of Reconstruction & Urbanism; Devinat, former Chief of Queuille's cabinet, and Bill Tyler as my guests.

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I got home about two o'clock in the morning.

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Saturday, December 10, 1949.

Walter Reuther came to see me this morning, [redacted] then we went to lunch at the Embassy where I had Matthew Woll, Charles J. MacGowan, Jay Lovestone, Guy Nunn, [redacted]assador Harriman, Ambassador Kats, Barry Bingham, Boris Shishkin, Mr. Kenneth Douty, Mr. James L. Stern and Mr. Richard Kelly. David Dubinsky was delayed and did not appear until the others had left. Boris Shishkin and I had a good talk with him.

I went to La Lanterne this afternoon, the first visit for a long time.

We dined to-night at the Windsors', and had a most agreeable evening.

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Sunday, December 11,1949.

We finished at the office this morning a long telegram on Indochina which Jamie, Woodie and myself have been stewing over, [redacted]

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Monday, December 12, 1949.

I made a return call on Mr. Andrews, Minister of the Union of South Africa, this morning at 51 avenue Hoche.

We lunched with Frank and Kitty Giles at 1 rue LeRegrattier on the Ile Saint Louis. The Robert de Lesseps were also there and we had a [redacted] genial time.

Mr. Levin of the Chicago Tribune, who is doing sketches of various ambassadors, came to see me this afternoon.

I had a long talk with M. Bidault this evening about various topics which have been accumulating, amongst others, denying the statement attributed to me by Drew Pearson that the Bidault Government would not last another month and would be replaced by General de Gaulle. We also talked about the Franco-American difficulties over Morocco, the Indochinese situation, the poor co-operation extended by the French Government [redacted] information about the Marshall Plan activities, and

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last, but by no means least, Coca Cola. I found M. Bidault apparently disposed to be [redacted] helpful in connection with all these matters.

When I returned to the office, Bill Donovan was there. As usual, he was full of ideas and news of the world, and it was wonderful to see him and talk with him. He is leaving to-morrow for London.

We went to see "The Third Man" to-night at the Embassy Theater, 41 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré. I thought it was about as good a film as a movie could possibly be. It was produced by Carroll Reed whom I used to see a good deal of in London in 1940.

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Tuesday, December 13,1949.

Staff meeting this morning, [redacted] then Jay Lovestone of AFL called and he and I went and had a long talk with Averell.

Members of the House Banking and Currency Committee on Housing came to lunch with me. The guests were:

Congressman O'Brien (Michigan)
Congressman Gamble (New York)
Congressman McMillen (Illinois)
Congressman Cole (Kansas)
Congressman Scott (Pennsylvania)
Concressman Nicholson (Massachusetts)
Mr. Fink (Committee Clerk)
Mr. Kelly (State Department)
Mr. Fefferman (Housing and Home Financing Agency)
Mr. Bohlen
Mr. Bingham
Mr. Terrill
Mr. Fasteau
Mr. Bolton
Mr. Gilchrist
Mr. Martin
Mr. Cameron

In the afternoon, Dick Heppner, Paul Hallowell and Duncan Lee, all of Bill Donovan's office, talked to me about the situation of the airlines in China. They have been employed by the Nationalist Government to try to keep the civilian transport planes from falling into Communist

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possession. Most of them are tied up under injunctions at Hong Kong from which place Lee has just arrived.

I saw Arthur Muelburger who, since he left the Embassy, has been engaged in selling textile machinery. I explained to M. Makinsky, the French head of Coca Cola, what had taken place in my conversation with M. Bidault on that subject. Frank Johnston of the Watch Dog Committee talked to me for a long time. In the late afternoon, I went to a reception given by Georges Villiers at 33 rue Jean Goujon. There was an exhibition of French exports and the star pieces were some wines and cheeses, which were good.

To-night we went to the American Club Theater at 42 rue Fontaine where they gave three one-act plays.

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Wednesday, December 14,1949.

I went to see Sir Oliver Harvey, the British Ambassador, this morning, and had a discussion with him about Indochina. John Utter, who is taking Ridgway Knight's place, came in to report.

We lunched at the Egyptian Embassy, the chef of which has the reputation of being the best in Paris. The food was indeed excellent, as were the wines.

Walter Gates, our Security Officer, has been transferred and came in to say goodbye. Ted Rousseau, of the Metropolitan Museum, called on me. He is a brilliant young fellow, [redacted] Messrs. Kempner and Gordon of the New York law firm of Cotton & Franklin, came in to tell me [redacted] they are shortly going to open an office in Paris. I then had a talk with Lane Rehm before going back to the Residence where there was a reception for about 150 people.

Following that, we went to dinner at the Italian Embassy with Ambassador and Signora Quaroni. This is by

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looking
all odds the best-[redacted] house I have seen in Paris.

much
It once belonged to the Doudeauvilles and [redacted] of the original furniture is still there, as well as beautiful furnishings [redacted] bought under Mussolini's orders in the thirties.

Madame Quaroni is a Russian and her husband is [redacted] bright. [redacted] a career diplomat, he [redacted] came here from Moscow, where he was Ambassador.

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Thursday, December 15,1949.

Colonel Rethory (Bilbane) came to say goodbye this morning. After a long delay, he is leaving to join the French Military Mission in Washington. Stanley Woodward, who has been here for a few days to attend the marriage of his son, stopped to say goodbye and to inform me of the plans for inviting President Auriol to Washington next summer. I saw M. Schuman at noon to discuss the possibilities of strengthening the leadership in OEEC. From that we went on to the Indochinese question, the Dupuy case, and a number of other matters.

Elsie and Bill Youngman, Mary Donovan and Turner came for lunch. Youngman has left his law practice and is now President of C.V. Starr & Company, the great Far Eastern/ins and South American newspaper etc. complex automobile, which is owned by C.V. Starr with whom I was closely associated for a time in OSS work during the war.

M. Letourneau, Minister of French Overseas

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Territories, came to see me this afternoon, and he talked about Indochina. Colonel Harris, an adviser to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, called. He is busy on his pet project of loans for small business owned by veterans which he thinks will be legislated in Congress.

There were cocktail parties all over the place to-night, amongst others a [redacted] nice one at Norris Chipman's.

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Friday, December 16,1949.

I had a talk with Messrs. Bingham and Chambers this morning about possible help from ECA counterpart funds for the American Hospital in Paris.

I lunched at the commisary with George Bell.

During the afternoon, I saw Loren Carroll and also General Corniglion-Molinier who wanted to talk to me about some French newspaper affairs. I went to the vernissage of the paintings of Marjorie O'Brien. They are circus paintings and it was held in the bar of the Fratellini Brothers. I met one of these famous Fratellinis and found him [redacted] engaging. He did some stunts for me in a back room.

Ben Jolis was at the house when I got home and to-night we went to the Théatre de la Michodière to see "L'Homme de Joie". It was wonderfully funny and extremely well acted, particularly by Jean Hottinguer's wife.

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Saturday, December 17, 1949.

The usual sort of day. Lorraine Shevlin arrived from Washington to stay and to-night we had dinner at the Bohlens' with Eve Curie, Mrs. Paul Roger and a number of others.

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Sunday, December 18, 1949.

We went to lunch at the Pavillonn at Versailles with the Harrimans, Chambers and Lorraine, who left shortly after lunch for Rome.

This afternoon, Frank Canfield and other people came to the house, and Jim Bruce for dinner.

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Monday, December 19, 1949.

Bert Jolis came to see me this morning. Later, Jim [redacted] Bruce, Chip and myself went to see Pleven, the Minister of Defense. In the afternoon, I saw M. [redacted] Morancé of the Hautes Etudes Américaines; Ambassador Grady from Greece; Howard Corcoran in connection with the D[redacted]y case; M. Giscard-d'Estaing, President of the French Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce.

To-night we had a dinner for the Ernest Hemmingways, [redacted] the Duff Coopers, Marie Louise Bousquet, Christian Dior and Pauline Potter. The woodcock and [redacted] Romanée Conti were excellent. Ernest has been shooting ducks with a syndicate near Venice and so far they have killed over eight thousand.

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Tuesday, December 20, 1949.

Wright Morrow came to see me this morning. I had lunch at Ridge Knight's, - a delicious meal, with Gilbert Vadim Remy and others present. Makaroff who has just arrived, came in to see me. Lysette fell in the station at Cherbourg, broke her nose, scarred her face, and had to have forty stitches in it. The Greek Ambassador, Mr. Raphael, called on me.

This evening we had a Christmas party at the Residence for Embassy children. It was very gay with presents for each one and Al Wells acting as Santa Claus.

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Wednesday, December 21, 1949.

I talked to Lysette on the telephone this morning. She is going to Switzerland and recover there.

Milt Katz came [redacted] to see me about the proceedings at the OEEC meeting yesterday which were [redacted] unsatisfactory and against which Averell strongly protested. I said goodbye to my brother Jim who is leaving this afternoon on the Queen Elizabeth. I then called on the Czech Ambassador, M. Hoffmeister, at 15 avenue Charles Floquet. He has been at various times a broadcaster for OWI, lecturer, cartoonist and diplomat, - a smooth piece of work. He has a good collection of Southern Pacific and African wooden sculptures.

Evangeline and I had lunch with Turner at his attractive apartment on Rue du Cherche Midi which he rents from my old friend in Washington, Mrs. Bartlett. We did a little antique hunting afterwards in that favorable [redacted] neighborhood.

I talked to Bill Humphreys of the Herald Tribune

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about Indochina, [redacted] then went to see Hervé Alphand about Indochina, the OEEEC meeting on trade and payment negotiations and other subjects.

Lacour-Gayet, who is going to the United States, came in to [redacted] ask for an appointment to be arranged for him with the President during his forthcoming trip to the States.

We had a reception to-night for about a thousand people, including most of the Embassy staff.

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Thursday, December 22, 1949.

Turner and I stopped this morning to see the Henri de Rothschild book collection which has just been opened at the Bibliothèque Nationale. The Curator [redacted] kindly took us around [redacted] the rare book rooms.

This afternoon, M. Paul Emile Naggiar, former French Ambassador to Moscow, came to [redacted] to say goodbye before going off on a lecture tour in the United States.

I called on Mr. Schuman at 4.30 to talk about Morrocan matters and the OEEC.

Late this afternoon, General Carpentier [redacted] Commander-in-Chief of the French Forces in Indochina came out to the Residence for cocktails with Chip, Woodie and myself. He is returning to-morrow to Indochina. He made a [redacted] pleasant impression on [redacted] us.

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Friday, December 23, 1949.

I left the Gare de l'Est at 8:45 for a trip to the Sollac strip mill now under construction near Metz. We were the guests of the nine steel companies that united to develop this project, the dollar cost of which - 49 million dollars - is being financed by Marshall Plan aid. We had a quick trip to Metz by special train. Mr. Schuman, Barry Bingham and myself shared a compartment going up, and M. Lacoste, Minister of Industry and Commerce, joined us on the way back. Unfortunately, the day was foggy and it was impossible to see anything from the train. This whole affair will cost about 133 million dollars and will give the French sheet capacity they badly need. We had a buffet lunch on the train at 11:30, and a banquet in Metz at 4:30, during which many of us made speeches. We got back to Paris about 11 o'clock tonight after an interesting day. The Mayor gave me some Mirabelle, and I kissed him on both cheeks in the French fashion. Loud cheers.

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Saturday, December 24, 1949.

The Paris American Christmas Fund had a children's party for about eight thousand orphans at the Gaumont Palace Theater at the Place Clichy. It really was a wonderful sight.

This afternoon I went to another children's party of orphans of the 8th arrondissement, given by the American Legion.

To-night we had a [redacted] pleasant dinner at the Jamie Bonbrights.

I have lately been taking an inventory of the wine cellar. We have about 10,000 bottles in all, stored in various cellars of this establishment, but the rate of consumption is terrific.

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Sunday, December 25,1949.

We attended communion service this morning at the American Pro-Cathedral. Had lunch with the children and went down to Versailles this afternoon to spend our first night there. The house is really getting into shape and is quite comfortable. The cooking apparatus was not in order, but it made no difference since somebody had given us caviar and we had a satisfactory dinner of caviar and champagne.

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Monday, December 26,1949.

Spent the morning and afternoon at Versailles.

Had a long walk around the park which was [redacted] quiet

and beautiful. Returned to Paris to-night.

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Tuesday, December 27, 1949.

[redacted] quiet day at the office since I [redacted] had made no engagements and consequently had a chance to attend to some routine matters.

To-night Cornelia and Arthur Lane came to dinner with us and in spite of Arthur's tendency to gout we inveigled him into considerable wine tasting. He is still intensely occupied with [redacted] Polish questions and had been in England, and is here for that purpose.

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Wednesday, December 28,1949.

Royall Tyler, back from the Middle East, came to see me this morning. He was full of humorous anecdotes about his trip. Ray Dickey also called to see me and took up the question of the thirty thousand cases of Canadian whisky which troubled me some months ago. It seems [redacted] most of the shipment is still marooned at Cayenne.

M. Baudoin gave a wonderful lunch to-day at the Restaurant Taillevent, 37 rue Saint Georges, in the name of the Académie du Vin, for Ridgway Knight. Chip, Jamie, Woodie and myself were the other guests. The menu had been especially printed for the occasion and the lunch was an [redacted] extraordinary one in every particular. There were ten different wines, all of them of top quality and the most notable dish was a chicken from Bresse which had lately won a prize, - I assume for potential succulence. It proved impossible to leave before four o'clock.

I got back to the office just in time to see M. Tessier

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of CFTC who wanted to talk to me about workmen's housing.

He was followed by Charles Schneider, President of [redacted]

Creusot, who has a problem of expansion there.

We went this afternoon to a reception given by their house on the Smith-Huttons at/Boulevard Suchet. They are an

exceptionally nice couple with a [redacted] beautiful daughter.

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Thursday, December 29, 1949.

E and I had lunch to-day with the Boyers at 196 rue de Rivoli. As might be expected, a marvelous lunch with many courses and a succession of superb wines.

Mr. Clark of the New York Times came to see me about Coca Cola and other matters. It was an unusually quiet day at the office, probably largely thanks to the small holiday cable traffic.

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Friday, December 30, 1949.

Arthur Lane came in this morning with a group of Poles: Messrs. Joseph Nowak, Casimir Solski, Jamese Bokszczanin, and Casimir Rozankokski; then George Bixby, Vice President of Pan American Airways, who has been spending a good deal of time during the past years operating in China. He was [redacted] interesting on the subject of what is going on [redacted] now. He feels gloomy over the prospect of Communism continuing to spread throughout South East Asia.

Lunched to-day at Chip's house, 10 avenue Emile Deschanel, with Secretary of Defense Pleven, Timmons, Bonesteel and Knight. Pleven's grasp of French military questions and his desire to rebuild the French forces are [redacted] checking.

Messrs. McBride, More and Bovey came to see me this afternoon to talk about the Moroccan negotiations. Then Loren Carroll.

We had a dinner to-night for Ridge and his wife. It was

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quite a gustatorial performance. The wines were:

Grattien 1942 champagne before dinner, and at dinner (each bottle of which is numbered) Meursault Perrier 1942 from M. Ropiteau, Chablis Vaudésir (Drouhin) 1947, Chateau Pichon Longueville (Lalande) 192. , Chateau Lafitte 1906, Clos Vougeot 1923, Musigny (de Vogué) 1921, Clos des Goisses 1942, Fine Champagne (Chabanneau) 1898.

Kay Halle arrived at the end of dinner from India to spend a week.

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Saturday, December 31, 1949.

Arthur Lane came in to say goodbye this morning, then I saw J. Francis Price, Assistant Professor of German at Morgan State College, Baltimore. He thinks there are too few negroes employed by the State Department and would like to be taken on here himself.

We had lunch for the Myron Taylors, Tommy Stone, (who is now Canadian Minister to Sweden), etc., and afterwards attended the diplomatic corps reception at the Elysée Palace.

We went to a buffet supper given by the Bohlens, and Ritchies of the Canadian Embassy, and stayed there for the general kissing bout which celebrated the lapse of the old year. From that party we went on to an almost exclusively French one at Madame Radziwill-Radziwill/Tvedes. She has a lovely old apartment with some of her family's fine art objects in it, and there were many friends there including Diana Cooper, looking beautiful as ever.

To bed late.

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Sunday, January 1, 1950.

I went to the office this morning and afterwards we had a picnic lunch at Versailles with John Fowler, who is over from London, Kay Halle and Pauline Potter. We walked to the Grand Trianon and back in the afternoon and had a wonderful day. It was cold and crisp.

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Monday, January 2,1950.

Had a [redacted] luxurious day reading and writing thank you notes. This is not only a holiday at the American Embassy but pretty generally in France where New Year is celebrated rather than Christmas.

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Tuesday, January 3,1950.

Returned to the office after the holiday. I had a lot of conferences to-day with various members of the staff. I had a talk with one of the Finance Division men with the idea as of the first of the year to turn my accounts over to him. They are complicated and I would like to get them into good order. I also had a talk with Barry Bingham. Bill Tyler and Helen Kirkpatrick about the question of publicity for the Marshall Plan in France. We have constantly urged the French Government to carry out its obligation under the bilateral agreement to use its powers to favor such publicity. A recent poll, not authoritative in nature, but one which has had wide publicity, is to the effect that only 38% of the French queried were in favor of the Marshall Plan, about 24% were against it, and the rest of them are dubious or expressed no opinion. In contrast to this, the percentages of those favoring the Marshall Plan in Denmark and Norway were [redacted] high,

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but the method of polling in France was different than in the other two countries. It is also true that the French are very cautious about expressing themselves frankly on public questions, but the fact remains that in spite of our strong representations to the Government it has been remiss in this regard. The French are, even in their own political concerns, not given to making such use of the organs of publicity as we take for granted in our own country.

Mrs. Thomas Kilby called me from Milan to-night to try to arrange for a German doctor to accompany her husband to Paris on Friday.

Kay, Evangeline and myself went to-night to see "Chéri" at the Théatre de la Madeleine. It was an excellent farce with Jean Marais, whom I had known before as a great friend of Jean Cocteau, in the leading role. He was excellent and the play very amusing.

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Wednesday, January 4,1950.

Lunched to-day with the moving picture association group at the Ritz. The particular reason for the occasion was the approaching departure of Mr. Harley, [redacted] representing Twentieth Century Fox, [redacted] who is going to New York after many years of service abroad.

David Schoenbrun and his wife came to see me this afternoon. He has just returned from meetings in New York with all the representatives of CBS, and his account of them was [redacted] interesting.

Preston Grover and Tyler Davidson of AP came to see me, and afterwards I went with E to the reception given by the Burmese Minister at the Hotel George V. to celebrate his country's Independence Day.

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Thursday, January 5, 1950.

Dr. Faxon, who has been sent over to make a survey of conditions at the American Hospital came to see me to-day with Bunny Carter and John Wood. It is hoped some help may be given to the hospital through the ECA counterpart funds, but we decided not to carry this matter further, in which Averell and Ambrose Chambers are vitally interested, until Dr. Faxon has made a study of the situation.

Turner and I lunched excellently at Taillevent, and afterwards went to a couple of antique shops.

We had a lot of conferences to-day about the assignment of houses to Embassy personnel. It is a difficult and tricky subject.

I saw M. Alduy, the leader of the Socialist group in the Assembly of the French Union and had a talk with him about French Indochina. General Rana, Ambassador of Nepal, called on me. As his mission also covers

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the United Kingdom and the United States he has [redacted] little time to give to Paris, where he has neither an office nor a residence. He is [redacted] agreeable and we had a long talk about big game and bird shooting in his country. U.S. Ambassador Bay from Norway came in. He and his wife are going home for a short time, and leave to-morrow.

To-night Hoytie Wiborg had a big party for us in her beautiful apartment in the Impasse Conti, in the house where Napoleon I once kept small bachelor chambers. It was really a wonderful evening with lots of music. Suzy Solidor sang, John Julius Cooper, George Bakassy and finally Count Kinsky played the piano. Kinsky sang numbers of Austrian and Hungarian songs. Kinsky was, I suppose, one of the largest landholders in Czechoslovakia until lately, and had kept up the stud [redacted] so famous under his father, grandfather and great grandfather. He told me [redacted] his boy, [redacted] now 21, is running it, (although the property has been nationalized), for the Czech Government, and thus is being allowed to live in [redacted] family [redacted] house.

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Friday, January 6, 1950.

Sam Reber came to see me this morning and we had a good talk about the Austrian Treaty. He and I lunched with Griselda at the [redacted] attractive little house she has rented at 15 rue Masseran. E., / the Justin O'Briens, John Brown and Francis Rosett were the others. She had the lunch prepared / [redacted] by a Russian chef, and it was [redacted] interesting to see what he did to a chicken.

Vadim Makaroff came to see me this afternoon about the matter of his sister, who has lived on the Riviera for the past twenty years, getting a Visitor's Visa to go to America. She is apparently suspected of having been friendly with some Communists. Knowing the sentiments in that particular family, it seems incredible.

Loren Carroll came in as usual this afternoon and later Jack Tappin.

We had dinner to-night with Virginia and Ambrose Chambers at 54 rue de Varenn . It was, as always,

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delightful to see them and there were [redacted] many conversable [redacted] French people there.

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Saturday, January 7, 1950.

After going to the office in the morning, we went to lunch at Rambouillet with President and Madame Auriol. Her daughter-in-law has just had her seventh operation as a result of an airplane smash up about six months ago. It appears that this lovely girl is permanently and hopelessly disfigured. She broke a good many bones in her head, both cheek bones, jaws, as well as her teeth, etc. After lunch, the President and I went out alone and walked-up rabbits. It had turned beautiful in the afternoon, with bright sunshine. We killed 20 or 30 rabbits and a few pheasants, and had a wonderful time. At Rambouillet this season they have already disposed of nine thousand rabbits, and have another ten thousand which must be destroyed to keep them from eating up all the vegetation. The President talked to me a good deal about the French political situation. He is inclined to think the United States is now demanding more of an effort than his

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country can make, in connection with the realization of ECA objectives. He pointed to the undeniable fact that in 1948 what had been accomplished by the French was about the limit of what they could be immediatel, expected to do. We also discussed Indochina and a great many other topics.

On my way home, I stopped at the Crillon to see Tom and Rose Kilby who arrived this morning with a German doctor from Milan. He is weak but [redacted] recovering from his typhoid. They are leaving to-morrow for England by air, and from London to-morrow night for the United States.

Maurice Petsche came to see me to-night to talk about the release of counterpart for January, and to say that as soon as the matter was determined and when he could make certain arrangements to cover the gap in the Budget, he was going to the hospital for a month, and afterwards would go away somewhere for another month. The doctors have told him that if he does not leave the Government in ten days or so his chances of living another six months are [redacted]

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slim. He is in terrible shape but full of courage. He has high blood pressure, circulatory troubles, asthma and angina. The tense life led here by a French Finance Minister, up all night almost every night and working all day, is not conducive to longevity. It is doubtful, however, if the Government would allow him to resign, so he will probably go on leave.

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Sunday, January 8, 1950.

The Makaroffs came down and lunched with us at La Lanterne, and afterwards we had a long walk in the park. To-night, Evangeline, Kay and myself went to see "Nina", written by the author of "La Petite Hutte", André Roussin. It was [redacted] amusing, a typical French farce where a husband comes to kill his wife's lover, and winds up by being so captivated by the gay life led by the lover that he decides, [redacted] as a matter of morality, he ought to poison the wife, and so it goes until the wife winds up in complete charge of the situation.

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Monday, January 9,1950.

Milton Katz came to see me this morning about the Franco-German Trade Agreement, and as usual presented the problem in his brilliant and clear way.

We lunched at the Mediterannée with Marie Louise Bousquet, Christian Dior, the Prefect of the Indre, and Kay Halle. It was great fun.

Howard Railey talked to me this afternoon about various aviation matters and also about his proposed marriage to Sue Rosenberg. General Mast, who is about to retire, came in to protest about an article in the December 26,1948, issue of TIME which accused him of breaches of security and other even more serious charges. I intend to discuss this question with Mr. Laguerre, the local representative of TIME. Mr. Vogliotti of the staff of the Joint Congressional Committee talked to me for a long time about the Marshall Plan. He is preparing a report for the Committee and struck me as being exceptionally

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keen and able. John Kelly came in from a scouting trip in the course of which he looked at houses, suitable for residence, by Embassy personnel, with a list of prospects. Meanwhile I had a letter from Countess Greffuhle in Geneva suggesting we acquire 9 Avenue des Champs Elysées as a residence.

We had a dinner of thirty to-night for the Italian Ambassador and his wife, the Indian Ambassador, Count and Countess Frahçois de Lubersac, Michel de Grammont, the Makaroffs, the Dennerys and Serraults of the Foreign Office, Kay Halle, Bob Stevens and his wife, Eric Taff, Cecile de Rothschild, the Ekstroms and a number of others. The 1923 Clos Vougeot was good.

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Tuesday, January 10,1950.

John Kelly and I went out with Mr. Malewski of Frank Arthur and Co. to look at houses this morning. We saw five of them, and all seemed to me suitable for Embassy purposes.

We lunched with Evangeline's cousin, Paula de Chandon and her husband at 16 avenue d'Orsay. It was [redacted] pleasant, with Robert de Billy, Jacques La Béraudière and his wife, Jacqueline Caraman Chimay, Madame Larivière (who got us our present chef), and a lot of other friends. There were, of course, floods of Moet & Chandon.

Frank McCarthy came to see me this afternoon. He is a perfectly delightful fellow and has become associated with Daryl [redacted] Zanuck of Twentieth Century Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Korn, introduced [redacted] by Senator Lehman, called. He is giving a concert on Sunday. Afterwards I saw Mr. Lewis of MGM about Errol [redacted] Flynn. The latter is about to [redacted] be married again and is having difficulty in getting a visa for his fiancée to go to

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America.

I went to see M. Parodi to-night at the Foreign Office about the possible recognition by France of the Chinese Communist government. The recognition by the British on January 6 has made it, if possible, an even hotter issue than it has been for the last six weeks. The American Government had hoped that the policy of the British, French and United States would be uniform. Locally, we would prefer recognition - if it is to take place - to be postponed until the situation regarding the Bao Dai Government in Indochina is clarified.

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Wednesday, January 11, 1950.

A delegation arrived here this morning from the village of Estaing, headed by M. d'Estaing, to give me a scroll, making Mr. Caffery an Honorary Citizen of the village, for forwarding to him in Egypt. It was a fine group and I hope to go down there later in the year.

George Allen, Averell and I met this morning to talk about Yugoslavia. George is leaving to-morrow to Paris intending take up his post there in about ten days.

I had a lunch to-day at home for the Franc Dollar Committee headed by Georges Villiers. Barry Bingham attended and the others were all French: M. Jean Jacques Guerlain, Director of the Committee; Y. Glotin, M.J. Lesur, H. Lafond, G. Morin, Roger Nathan, M. Roumilhac, and E. Derode. We discussed various ways to try to stimulate exports to the United States.

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I saw Lee Brady in the afternoon to settle some matters regarding Fulbright scholarships. Colonel Edward A. Gould, representing Pepsi-Cola in Europe, told me of his plans for that company, - they are different from the proposals made by Coca-Cola which have caused so much stir here. Local fire has been concentrated to such an extent on Coca-Cola that it looks as if Pepsi-Cola has been sneaking unperceived around the flank of the Communists.

I had a visit from Errol Flynn, who caused a good deal of trouble yesterday in the Consular section, regarding a visa for his "fiancée", Princess Ghika. As their relationship has been widely advertised over a long period of time, she is up against a provision in the law regarding visitors' visas which makes it impossible to grant her one. He is currently engaged in making a picture in which MGM is interested, and in which a great deal of money is already invested. This company is anxious to get him home as soon as possible and he flatly refuses to go unless she is admitted to the United States in the near future, where

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he wants her to see his children before he decides whether or not to marry her. He was mild as milk when I saw him, but I could offer him no comfort since the law on this point is [redacted] explicit - probably because of the fuss created when GI's were allowed to bring their "fiancées" in under visitors' visas.

We went to a reception, which always means a cocktail party, at Kenneth Holland's apartment, for George Allen and his wife. Later in the evening we attended a revival of Othello at the Comédie Française. It was a beautiful sight, as all the men were in smoking jackets or evening dress and the women in their best clothes. The cast was excellent. Jean Debucourt as Iago was superb. André Clarion played Othello and seemed to me [redacted] effeminate and unconvincing in the part, although he is a [redacted] talented actor. I do not think I want to see Shakespeare again in French for one misses the ringing cadences of [redacted] English verse.

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Perle Mesta and her sister, Marguerite Tyson, arrived to stay with us, to-night and as Virginia Clarke also came last night,

Kay Halle has gone off to a hotel.

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Thursday, January 12, 1950.

Had a long talk this morning with Barry Bingham and Tomlinson on the course to pursue for the release of counterpart for January and February.

I lunched at the American Club where, as Honorary President, I was charged with the installation of the new officers. Bob Stevens of General Motors replaces Harry Hill as President of this excellent organization.

I saw Harold Callender this afternoon, and then went over with Averell to talk with M. Schuman about the "Superman" project. That is the strengthening of the leadership in OEEC, preferably by placing M. Spaak in a position of real authority. M. Schuman is strongly in favor of such a program. We talked to him also about various other matters. He is leaving to-night for a trip to Germany from which he will return next week. He told us he was having a great deal of difficulty with [redacted] cabinet colleagues over his German policy. This is quite evident from current newspaper reports.

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I went to Colonel and Mrs. MacCloskey's reception this evening at the Plaza Athenée, and afterwards we had a dinner of thirty people at the Residence. They were: Archduke Otto, the Belgian Ambassador and his wife, Perle Mesta and Marguerite Tyson, Raoul and Mimi de Lubersac, Henri Bernstein, the Marcel Achards, the Bill Tylers, Bill Patten, Etienne de Beaumont, Kay Halle, Freddy and Daisy de Cabrol, the Bill Stonemans, Jo Davidson and his wife, Andrée and Pascal Dewavrin, Janet Flanner, and others.

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Friday, January 13, 1950.

I saw this morning Bill Pawley who was United States Ambassador in Peru and afterwards in Brazil. He is an attractive man and has been successful in various businesses in China and elsewhere. He is now engaged in changing the street car railways in Habana over to bus lines. We had a long talk about various matters pertaining to running embassies and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing him.

Henri Binaud, introduced by George Bijur, came to see me. He is the proprietor of Chateau Cantemerle, a red which produces in Bordeaux in the Haut Médoc, of which he is going to send me samples.

Louis Marin, an ancient member of the Chamber of Deputies, came to call, as he says he has done for the last thirty years, to wish a happy New Year to the American Ambassador. He is quite a striking old gentleman.

I lunched at the Restaurant Les Noces de Jeannette

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on the rue Favart as a guest of the Presse Française Diplomatique, of which Roger Massip is the President. I had to make a short speech, but in spite of that we all had a good time.

This afternoon, Count Coudenhove-Kalergi, who has been for years interested in the idea of World Federation, came to see me. My recollection is that his father was Austrian and his mother Japanese. He is a brilliant fellow and an interesting one.

The Afghan Ambassador paid a formal call. He is a stalwart hillman. As far as I know, we shall have little business together in Paris, and therefore the relationship between ourselves should remain on a amiable basis. The King of Afghanistan is staying at the Crillon. Yesterday, President Auriol went to visit him, and the lobby of the Crillon was lined with the Garde Républicaine in their decorative uniforms.

I saw Loren Caroll; had a talk with Colonel Jacobs about

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buying houses for Embassy personnel, and then talked with Prince Lubormirski, about whom Alfred Potocki had called me from Monte Carlo this morning. He is trying to get a visa to go to the United States but is being held up for a security check.

We had a reception to-night for about a hundred people at the Residence. Amongst them was Orson Welles, curiously bearded. He seemed an affable fellow, but what a strain it must be on his good nature to have 99 people tell him how much they enjoyed seeing him in "The Third Man".

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Saturday, January 14, 1950.

Mr. Laguerre of Time, Life & Fortune, had a long discussion with me this morning about the background and their reasons for publishing an article on December 26th so critical of Generals Revers and Mast. The allegations in this article have been taken up widely by the French press and have stimulated a movement in Parliament for a full scale investigation of the affair.

Preston Grover came to see me with Mr. Davidson of his staff, and afterwards I went over to see Hervé Alphand about the French desire to run a branch off the Irak Petroleum Company Haifa pipeline to Sidon, and thereby get the use of the oil which the closing down of the Haifa line has made it necessary to shut in.

Lorraine Shevlin is back from Rome and is staying with us.

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Sunday, January 15,1950.

Moved to Versailles and hope to spend the better part of the week there.

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Monday, January 16,1950.

Spent the day quietly at La Lanterne. In the afternoon we went to the museum of the Château and saw, amongst [redacted] many interesting things, the recent acquisitions [redacted] the art collection, notably a fine portrait of Henri IV. [redacted] bought from one of his direct descendants, probably on the bastard side.

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Tuesday, January 17,1950.

Jamie and Sybil, Woodie and Turner came down for lunch. In the afternoon I went for a while with Woodie to the National Assembly of the French Union, which sits at Versailles, to hear the debate on Indochina. After a good deal of shilly shallying it was postponed until the following day.

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Wednesday, January 18, 1950.

Came to town this morning and made a round of some of the antique shops to try and get additional furnishings for Versailles. We were [redacted] successful in acquiring a sunburst clock, two shooting pictures by Desportes, and a [redacted] fine Austrian stove, as well as several lesser objects.

I went to the office after lunch, where Jerry Schapiro, who is running the European marketing for Caltex, came to see me. He is a [redacted] fine man and was most effective in OSS.

Had a long talk with Colonel Jacobs, who is leaving for Washington to-morrow, about the purchase of buildings, and he has agreed to try to get FBO's consent to buying an additional small six/houses.

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Thursday, January 19, 1950.

Went to the office this morning and attended to routine business before going at eleven o'clock to see Oliver Harvey. He is calling on M. Schuman this afternoon to explain the position taken by the British Government at the Colombo Conference in regard to the recognition of Bao Dai. Because of the failure of the French Parliament thus far to ratify the accords of March 8th it was decided at the Conference that the United Kingdom could not extend recognition at present. He will also tell M. Schuman the British hope that at the time of ratification the French will make a statement that the measure of independence granted under the accords to the Viet Nam is only part of an evolutionary process which will lead to the granting of greater independence in the future.

We went back to Versailles this afternoon, taking with us Kay Halle and her sister Mag.

At three o'clock, M. Maurichéau-Beaupré, the

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Conservator, took us through the apartments, [redacted] not open to the public, which were once used by Louis XIV, Louis XV., Madame de Pompadour, Madame DuBarry, and Marie Antoinette. The small rooms are particularly beautiful and the panelling superb. When one gets up under the roof one realizes the enormous task the Versailles administration has in keeping the château even in its present dilapidated condition. Had it not been for the remarkable generosity of Mr. Rockefeller after the first World War there is little doubt that much of the building would have fallen in. It is estimated [redacted] it would take about fifty million dollars to place this complex structure and the others in the [redacted] park in a safe state. The appropriation from the French Government is only [redacted] about two hundred million francs this year, or roughly six hundred thousand dollars, but with it they seem to be accomplishing a great amount of useful work.

I went from this tour to the French Union debate, where I found Woodie. I sat out a number of speakers.

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The debate lasted until late at night and the accords were ratified. They now go to the National Assembly for consideration.

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Friday, January 20,1950.

Spent a [redacted] happy day at La Lanterne.

Came into Paris in the afternoon and went to dinner at Averell's. Jack McCloy had just arrived from Germany with Colonel Gerhardt. Milt Katz was also there, and we had a long discussion on the ticklish Saar question. Averell and I went out to see Jack off at the airport, and I met some of his fellow-passengers, including Dana Durand who had worked with me in OSS. The German press and the German officials are carrying on a hot campaign opposing the French intention of making a long term lease with the Saar Government for the use of the Saar coal mines.

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Saturday, January 21,1950.

Went to the office this morning and at 11 o'clock called, at his request, on René Pleven. He is very disturbed about the delay in ratifying the bilateral MDAP agreements, the slowness in general of the MDAP program being implemented, and the failure to furnish the French with information regarding the standardization of weapons. He is very vigorous and determined, as far as the French are concerned, to get things going as quickly as possible, and feels that the delays are allowing the Communists to build up powerful propaganda against the whole concept.

After returning to the office, we had some important cables to send off about MDAP and the Saar, and I was late arriving at the annual lunch of the American Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel du Palais d'Orsay. There were about 250 people there. The lunch was unfortunately very long, with a large number of courses, and we were there from one to four o'clock. It was an interesting occasion.

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Besides a speech by Roy Weeks, the President, there were speeches by Georges Villiers, President of the Conseil National du Patronat Français; Benis Biron, President of the Centre des Jeunes Patrons; Eric Taff of ECA, and myself. By the time I got home it was too late to go to Versailles, so we spent the night in town.

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Sunday, January 22,1950.

Went down to La Lanterne for lunch. M. Japy, the architect of Versailles, Marie Louise Bousquet, Carmel Snow, (head of Harper's Bazaar,) Eleanor and Dennie Johnson and Lorraine Shevlin were there with us. Lorraine left this afternoon by plane for the U.S.

Came into town this evening.

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Monday, January 23,1950.

John Kelly and I went down to the Hotel Meurice this morning to look at rooms for Pauline Davis for next summer.

Bill Koren and I [redacted] lunched with Maurice Schumann at Fouquet's together with M. Philippe Roy, President of the French Textile Industry Organization and M. Catin, who is in charge of organizing the Lille Textile Fair of 1951. They are anxious to have an American pavilion at this Fair which is to be a tremendous show. There has never before been a full American participation in such events and it seems worth while to encourage it. We discussed Indochinese matters in the office, and afterwards I saw M. Roger Nathan of the Franc-Dollar Committee who is forming a somewhat elaborate export-import organization. Ann Eberstadt came in with one of her friends to discuss the advisability of their moving out from where they are with a French family and taking an apartment of their own. She is having some difficulty in convincing her father

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this is a wise step. Harold Callender and Turner Catledge called, and afterwards I had a talk with Chipman and Birdsall about some of the business they are so interested in. Guy de Rothschild came to see me about his family's jewels. It is a extraordinary story. They were taken by the Germans, and through private detectives he thinks he may have located the place where they were buried in a convent garden in Bavaria. With the cooperation of the German authorities and the American Secret Service, digging was commenced in this area, but the counter-intelligence people of the Army apparently interfered on jurisdictional grounds, digging was suspended, and the place left, according to him, unguarded. He fears the Germans who buried the jewelry originally may have already gotten to work to take it away if it is still there, and asked me if I would bring this question to the attention of the American authorities in Germany.

We had a most charming dinner at the Tvedes', 8 Boulevard

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de la Tour Maubourg. Dolly, [redacted] usually referred to as "three times Radziwill", having been born a Radziwill and having married successively two men of the same name, is now married to a Dane. In the course of her fascinating career, she had the good sense to get some of the art objects out of her houses in Poland, Austria and Russia, and moved them into an apartment in Paris which she had had for many years, or at least since her departure from Petrograd during the Russian revolution. She is an enchanting relic of a type of life [redacted] how almost extinct. Her Danish husband is a painter. The only other people there were: Madame de Contades, a Radziwill nephew of Dolly's, Count Kinsky who played and sang Austrian songs all evening, and Marie Louise Bousquet.

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Tuesday, January 24, 1950.

A staff meeting this morning. Afterwards I had a much needed hair cut. The Czech Ambassador, Mr. Hoffmeister, paid me a return call. He is throughly Americanized in manner and conversation, having spent many years in the States. He is generally regarded here as slippery, but [redacted] is quick and agreeable, and seems to be in the good graces of his Communist government.

We lunched at the Ritz with Pierre Brisson and members of the FIGARO staff: Bill and Betsy Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Massip, Mr. and Mrs. André Siegfried, Mr. Larivière, the Stanislas de Castellanes, François de Mauriac, etc. It was lots of fun.

Robert Miller of the Watchdog Committee, and Mr. Arthur Kauffman, who runs the Gimbel store in Philadelphia, came to tell me of the plan they had developed with the Dutch Government of holding a Dutch exhibition in Philadelphia in the hope of stimulating Dutch export trade. They think a similar move on the part of France would be excellent.

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Madame Foucillon, a friend of the Blisses, came to ask whether there was anything she could do to counteract propaganda in France adverse to the United States. She is a bright old lady whose husband was a famous savant.

Horace Reed called on me to urge if possible that Barry Bingham be persuaded to stay as head of the ECA French Mission after June, which Barry has set as his terminal date. I should like this incredible, but I am afraid his plans to leave are irretrievably set.

Bernard Redmont, who has taken John Mowinckel's place (the latter having gone to Rome) as head of the French Bureau of US News and World Report, talked to me about the French situation. He has represented this periodical for four years in the Argentine, and arrived here just a couple of weeks ago.

Bob Blum of ECA brought me up to date on the latest developments in regard to French West Africa,

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where his own investigations were of great utility.

At 6.30 I went to see M. Schuman to talk to him about MDAP publicity, Indochina, and the row over the Saar. This last issue is a [redacted] hot subject, especially in Germany. Dean Acheson has made a strong declaration backing the French stand in principle, although not necessarily in detail. The French action in regard to a long term lease of the Saar coal mines was singularly ill timed, but the German reaction to it was, [redacted], arrogant and presumptuous. I came back to the office and we sent off some telegrams about this conversations. To-night we had a wonderful little party of four: Carmen Esnault-Pelterie, Robert Gérard, E and myself.

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Wednesday, January 25, 1950.

Admiral Connolly came to see me this morning and we had [redacted] a talk about American and French naval affairs.

Mike Harris is spending a few days here on his way from Switzerland to Sweden and I enjoyed so much seeing him again.

Dr. Vollgruber, the Austrian Minister, called to say Goodbye. He is going back to Vienna to be Secretary-General of the Foreign Office, and is [redacted] loath to leave Paris. He is [redacted] gay and jolly and I am sorry to see him go.

We had lunch to-day at 17 rue du Cherche Midi with Miss Mary Churchill Humphrey, in her beautiful Louis XIII house which has a fine garden behind - most unexpected in that neighborhood. M. Grousset of the Guimet Mussum, and the Far East correspondent of LE MONDE, were there. [redacted]

Prince Dimitri is still out of a job, so I had a

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talk with Harry Hill to-day about his desire to get attached to the American Express Company.

This afternoon I was photographed with a young French victim of infantile paralysis in connection with the birthday ball scheduled for [redacted] the 31st.

Duc de Guiche and Colonel de Chaisemartin came to see me to thank, on behalf of the French Infantile Paralysis organization, the Americans [redacted] for the gift which is expected to be made out of the proceeds of the forthcoming Roosevelt birthday ball, sponsored by Averell.

Dr. Williams came in with Maître Labat in regard to a dinner which the Demi Siècle Club is giving on the 15th of February, where I am expected to preside. This club is composed of prominent French professional men over the age of fifty, and Clayton Williams is the only American member.

Countess Elizabeth von Furstenberg, whom I have not seen for fifteen years, came in to talk to me about the possible liquidation of her property in Germany.

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She used to be a great friend of the Blackwells. She has retained her American citizenship. She brought with her her [redacted] good looking eighteen year old daughter, [redacted] a movie actress.

Messrs. Birdsall and Morehouse took up some matters this afternoon.

Paul Hoffman arrived in Paris early this morning, and is staying at the house.

We had dinner to-night for eighteen people, which included: the Egyptian Ambassador; Ambassador [redacted] Bey; Mrs. Wainwright Abbott; Comte & Comtesse Jean de Beaumont; Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Bolton; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bonsal; Mr. Howard Sturges; Mrs. Charles Bohlen; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Garrett; Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Gordon; the Danish Ambassador and Mrs. Kruse; and Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Gates.

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Thursday, January 26,1950.

I attended to various office matters in the morning and we lunched at Countess de Ganay's at 38 rue des Sablons. She is quite beautiful. Paul Reynaud was there and the Marquis and Marquise d'Amodeo. Amodeo was in the RAF and seems to be a mixture of French, British and Portuguese. She is French and perfectly delightful. The Rochereaus and young de Ganay were the others.

Raymond Nunan came in this afternoon about his wife's chateau in the country, which is still under requisition and which he says is being rapidly ruined. Since this property belongs to an American citizen we have been active in the case for sometime, but without achieving the desired results. To-day, however, the Foreign Office has promised to notify the local Prefect to cancel the right of the various families who are now there to occupy the premises.

I went to see René Pleven to tell him what had been decided in Washington about furnishing tanks to the

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French army. He was [redacted] pleased. He says, as had been indicated by the French newspapers, that the Government intends to take immediate and vigorous steps to foil the plans of the Communists to delay or stop the loading of military matériel for Indochina, and the unloading of matériel sent here under the MDAP program.

Everett King, whose father was captured and beheaded by the Japs in the Pacific, came to see me to discuss the possibility of his getting into the Foreign Service, and afterwards I had a long talk with Russell Hill of the Herald-Tribune.

This was Indian Independence Day and we went to a reception given by the Indian Ambassador at the George V. hotel. It was [redacted] picturesque because of the many gorgeous Indian costumes. [redacted]

At eight o'clock to-night, we went to the annual Diplomatic Corps di[redacted]iven by President Auriol at the Elysée. Although there were 250 people, they were

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easily absorbed in the huge rooms, and it was a beautiful sight. There were [redacted] few diplomatic costumes. The ones particularly remarked being the scarlet robes of the Papal Nuncio, and the coat with gold epaulettes of USSR Ambassador Bogomolov. Some newspaper photographers insisted on photographing Bogomolov and myself together. He was [redacted] gay about it, but I do not think he liked the prospect of such a photograph reaching his government. The dinner was excellent, [redacted] served with a dispatch which hardly seemed [redacted] possible. I sat between Madame Edgar Faure and Madame Linguy, both of whom are married to officials of the Ministry of Finance. After dinner there was a lot of mixed conversation, and later on about a thousand extra people came in. All of the cabinet were there. I had a talk with the Prime Minister who thinks [redacted] his worst difficulties are over, and he seemed quite optimistic about his Ministry lasting. I talked to M.. Letourneau at some length about Indochina. [redacted]

We got home late but found that Paul Hoffman had not yet

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returned, so I did not find out what had happened

at to-day's meeting of the OEEC.

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Friday, January 27, 1950.

Saw Cy Sulzberger this morning about a matter connected with Mao Tse Tung's present visit to Russia.

I called on the Ambassador of Nepal at the Ritz.

Colonel MacCloskey brought in Colonel Keeling who is in charge of the intelligence features of foreign air attaché work. [redacted]

I gave a lunch at the Residence for the following American editors who are making a tour of Europe:

Mr. Forrest W. Seymour, Editor, Des Moines Register & Tribune
Mr. John Love, Associate Editor, Cleveland Press
Mr. Willis K. McArdle, Associate Editor, San Francisco Chronicle
Mr. Sevellon Brown 3rd, Associate Editor, Providence Journal & Chronicle
Mr. Carroll Binder, Editor, Minneapolis Tribune
Mr. Michael Bradshaw, Associate Editor, Toledo Blade
Mr. M. H. Williams, Executive Editor, Worcester Telegram & Gazette
Mr. Edward E. Lindsay, Editor, Decatur Herald
Mr. John P. Harris, Editor, Hutchinson News Herald
Mr. Robert S. Bates, Editor, Meadville Tribune Republican
Mr. Alvand S. Dunkleberger, Editor, Nashville Banner
Mr. G. Prescott Low, Editor, Quincy Patriot Ledger

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Mr. C. B. Lartz, Publisher, Sharon Herald
Mr. William P. McDowell, Ass.Editor, Sharon Herald
Mr. Samuel W. Miller, Editor, Allentown Call & Chronicle
Mr. Fred Bollmeyer, ECA Washington
Miss Helen Kirkpatrick, ECA Paris
Mr. Woodruff Wallner, Embassy
Mr. William Koren, Embassy

We had quite a review afterwards of French problems.

Warren Pierson, Chairman of TWA, called on me and afterwards Joe Kingsbury Smith. The latter wanted to verify reports of conversations supposedly I had had in the last few days with Bidault. As I had not seen M. Bidault for over a month, except briefly at the President's dinner last night, I naturally denied all the stories which had to do with the United States trying to exercise pressure on the French Government regarding a variety of questions. Loren Carroll called, as well as Stanley Hawks from Minneapolis.

I was supposed to attend an exhibition at the American Artists Center, and also to go to a reception at the Irish Legation, but remained late at the office to receive a teletype message from the Department about the Austrian Treaty.

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We [redacted] to-night with the Gilbert Rémys at the Restaurant Carton, Place de la Madeleine. He had two other people who had been prominent in the Resistance and Secret Service. We had, as always with Rémy, an [redacted] amusing evening. He is both a great gourmet and a great story teller. At the end, the proprietor, Monsieur Alix, [redacted] an old friend of all of us, gave us a bottle of extraordinary champagne. It was made by Louis Roederer before the First World War of a type for the exclusive use of the Russian Grand Dukes who were so prominent and extravagant in Paris at that period. These bottles, instead of being of glass, are entirely crystal, and it seems the Grand Dukes in their supper parties preferred throwing crystal bottles instead of glass ones at the walls and fire places. At any rate, it was [redacted] beautiful; the wine still excellent, and I took the bottle home to use as a flower vase.

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Saturday, January 28, 1950.

I at last caught Paul Hoffman, who is up late almost every night on OEEC matters, at his breakfast this morning and had a long talk with him. Cripp's intransigence and arrogance is undiminished, which is going to make the presentation to Congress next month for the renewal of Marshall Plan credits additionally difficult. The British do not want to give way on anything which might affect their socialized closed economy. They are opposed to relaxing the dual pricing system, the currency clearing house as presently envisaged, the injection of some strong personality into OEEC, and lukewarm on any liberalization of trade.

I saw Cy Sulzberger again this morning about the matter discussed yesterday. Parodi asked me to come and see him, and gave me a draft of the proposed arrangement for the lease by the French Government of the coal mines in the Saar which have been the subject of so much recent contention.

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In connection with Admiral Connolly's visit the other day, Captain Smith Hutton said [redacted] he had [redacted] kindly offered [redacted] his four-motor plane at my disposition for a trip to Africa.

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Sunday, January 29,1950.

Versailles.

After a long walk this morning through the park, Carl Burckhardt, Paul Hoffman, Dick Bissell, Julian and Alice Allen, and Griselda, came for lunch.

We came back to Paris this afternoon and I had a little chat with Paul and Averell at the house. Afterwards Jamie came in with a cable.

Justin O'Brien and his wife, Jacques Kosciusko, Director of Cabinet of President Auriol, and his wife, and Jean Rigaux, dined wi[illegible]. Rigaux is marvelous company and full of humor. We went around to his night club where the skits, especially his own, were [illegible] funny, and got to bed about three o'clock.

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Monday, January 30,1950.

I had lunch at the excellent Commissary mess.

In the afternoon, the new Swiss Minister, M. de Salis, came to see me. He speaks English fluently, has lately been Minister in Rumania, and has twice previously served for a number of years in the Swiss Legation in Paris.

Royall Tyler also came in to see me.

When I went home, I found Paul Hoffman there playing with the children and we had a short chat about ECA matters.

To-night we dined with the Portuguese Ambassador, at 3 rue Noisel. His lovely wife is Greek, and he himself is a[redacted] attractive man. As might be expected, we had some excellent Port.

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Tuesday, January 31, 1950.

Staff meeting this morning. Chip telephoned me from Washington yesterday and expects to leave there to-day by plane for Paris. Brose Chambers, Dr. Williams, John Wood and Dr. Faxon came in this morning to discuss the American Hospital, and the possibility of obtaining counterpart funds for it. Dr. Faxon has completed his survey of the hospital, and has a number of interesting recommendations to make as to what should be done to put it in excellent shape.

I had lunch at the Commissary, and later saw Messrs. Harley and Cornfield of Twentieth Century Fox. Mr. Harley is leaving to-morrow and Mr. Cornfield is taking his place. Mr. Gould of Pepsi Cola came in, and later Mr. Swensrude of the Gulf Oil Company who has just arrived here from Tunisia. After months of negotiation, both in Tunisia and France, they are still waiting for the signature of the Bey of Tunis who seems rather capriciously to have withheld it.

M/. Parodi, M/. Schuman being ill with grippe, sent

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for the British Ambassador and myself to-night to hand us copies of a note they were delivering to the Soviet Embassy protesting against the decision announced to-day by the Russians, through their news agency Tass, to recognize Ho Chi Minh in Indochina. This is a step almost certain to have grave consequences, and is, of course, a direct affront to the French. M. Parodi had asked Bogomolov to call on him this afternoon, but Bogo refused on the ground that he was too busy, so the note has been sent directly to the Soviet Embassy.

After sending some cables to Washington, we had dinner with the Chambers. Amongst others there was Mr. Gruber, the Austrian Foreign Minister. Later went to the ECA Birthday Ball for the Infantile Paralysis Fund at the George V. It was a beautiful occasion. Five painters, - Matisse, Segonzac, Dufy, Utrillo and Madame Utrillo, - had generously

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presented pictures to be auctioned, and the proceeds from such sales amounted to about 75 hundred dollars. Altogether the party must have grossed about ten thousand dollars and was therefore a huge success.

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Wednesday, February 1, 1950.

Raoul Boyer came to see me this morning and gave me a remarkable corkscrew in the shape of a huge door key.

Chip arrived this morning to [redacted]. He and I lunched at the Residence with Dr. Gruber. We had a long talk with him about [redacted] serious matters connected with the Austrian Treaty.

In the afternoon, André Labarthe, who publishes "La Constellation", came to complain about the attacks which he says have been made on him by the Reader's Digest representatives in France.

Michael Wilson, a Canadian journalist recommended by Ken Downs and Ed Gaskell, asked me to help him get a job with an American corporation. Later I saw Teddy White from INS, thereafter Bill Humphreys of the Herald-Tribune, and said goodbye to Ernest Stanger, one of our Vice Consuls, who has been transferred to North Africa.

We had a reception to-night for approximately 35

American publishers and editors who are here on a TWA Press flight and are shortly going on to Italy in connection with the Holy Year celebrations there. There must have been 150 to 200 other people as well, including M. Pineau, the Minister of Transport, and many other French officials.

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Thursday, February 2,1950.

Went to see M. Parodi this morning to discuss with him the repercussions and what actions the French might take in connection with the Soviet recognition of Ho Chi Minh. He said that eventually they would probably close the Soviet Consulate in Algiers, having no consulates of their own in Russia, but the Government had not yet decided on any particular retaliatory measures.

I saw Mrs. Ekstrom this afternoon about her American Festival in Europe, which seems to be advancing rapidly. Two members of the Rabelais Society called to ask me to join, and be Chairman of its Committee. I accepted the first and refused the second.

The Prefect of the Loire, who acted as spokesman, made a neat little speech about the attractions of the Loire Valley, with which santiment he found me fully in accord.

Mr. Doughton of Standard Oil of N.J. and Mr. Porters, the company's foreign economist, called to discuss a long memorandum

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which Mr. Portes had previously sent me about his plan to settle the balance of payments problem between Europe and the United States. It involves some highly technical points, and is very interesting.

Preston Grover and two others of the AP staff came to talk about the implications of the Indochinese situation.

To-night Turner and the Tylers dined with us, and afterwards we went to the Opera House to see the film "Le Grand Rendez-Vous" which pictures the North African landings.

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I had Ed Gullion for lunch with Woody Wallner and Messrs. [redacted] Baeyens, Directeur d'Asie at the Foreign Office; Bonfils, Political Counselor of the French High Commission in Indochina; Varst, of the Ministry of Overseas Territories; Gorce, Chief of Cabinet of the French High Commission in Indochina, and Georges-Picot, of the Foreign Office. Of course we discussed Indochina and its affairs at [redacted] considerable length.

In the afternoon I went around to an exhibition at the Charpentier Gallery of French portraits which would have been excellent had the hall not been so crowded [redacted] it was almost impossible to see anything.

Later Averell and I drove to Orly airfield to meet Jack McCloy/ on his way back from the U. S. Unfortunately, there was a misunderstanding, and at about seven o'clock we were notified [redacted] he had overflown Paris and was on his way to Frankfurt.

To-night we had dinner at the Yugoslav Embassy at

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1 Boulevard Delessert. There were quite a number of people there including M. Parodi and the Dumaines. I had an [redacted] opportunity to talk to Parodi about matters of mutual interest to our two governments.

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Saturday, February 4,1950.

Quite a busy morning at the office. The withdrawal of the Socialists from the cabinet, Bidault's announcement that he will remain in office in spite of this withdrawal, and many other factors have created a situation the consequences of which are difficult to assess. It is [redacted] sad that when unity of action is so needed [redacted] petty political motives should be given free rein.

We went down to Versailles this afternoon; had a long walk and returned to Paris for the night. Perle Mesta and Margaret Tyson arrived about midnight to stay.

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Sunday, February 5,1950.

We went back to Versailles for lunch where we had M. Maurichcau-Beaupré, Conservator of Versailles, Charlie Blackwell, the Bohlens and Tish Baldridge. We came in this afternoon and I met Jamie and Woodie at the house to talk about the Indochina situation.

At 7.30 we [redacted] dined with Mrs. Mesta, Mrs. Tyson, John Kelly and Colonel Hoffman at Maxim's. Afterwards we went to M. Dior's fashion show, which seems to have been more or less held especially for us. At any rate, there were [redacted] many friends there and it was a wonderful performance, like a play with no speaking parts. We got home quite late.

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Monday, February 6, 1950.

We had a lunch at the house for M. Ribière, head of the French Intelligence Services, [redacted] M. and Mme. Berteaux of the Sureté Nationale, Mr. and Mrs. McMillen and Mr. and Mrs. Birdsall.

Mr. Charles Kreindler of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union came to see me this afternoon in a considerable state of confusion over French Labor Union politics. Later I saw Gerry Mayer who had an idea about the making of a moving picture by American companies to publicize the Marshall Plan. I called on M. Parodi at 4.30 to discuss with him developments in the Saar and also [redacted] matters relating to Indochina.

To-night we dined with the Binghams, in celebration of Barry's birthday, at 17 rue Alfred Dehodencq. It was a [redacted] pleasant evening with Margaret Biddle, Fleur Cowles, the Alphands, Daisy Fellows, the Gowers and [redacted] others.

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Tuesday, February 7,1950.

The Netherlands Ambassador came to see me this morning to discuss the probable attitude of his country toward the recognition of Bao Dai.

I lunched at Maxim's in a private room with French political correspondents, of whom M. Georges Altschuler of Combat was the host. The others were: Gabriel Robinet (Figaro) Bernard Lefort and Jean Fermict (Franc-Tireur) Jacques Fauvet and René Puissesseau (Le Monde) Roger Priouret (France-Dimanche) J.R. Tournoux (Ce Matin-Le Pays) René Saive (La Depeche Marocaine) and Pierre Limagne (La Croix).

We were going to-night to dine with the DeWavrins, [redacted] but Evangeline and myself had such terrible colds that we felt obliged to cancel the dinner at the last moment.

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Wednesday, February 8,1950.

I had grippe and fever this morning, as did E and both the children, and therefore stayed in bed. I was unable to attend the annual lunch of the Anglo-American Press Association and we had to cancel a large dinner at home.

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Thursday, February 9,1950.

Spent the entire day in bed.

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Friday, February 10, 1950.

Up and at the office today but did not feel well enough to go to the Harrimans' for dinner to-night.

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Saturday, February 11, 1950.

Saw M. Chauvel who is going back to Lake Success to-night, and later General Richards who is to head the MDAP staff here.

There is a great to-do about the International Rescue Committee's activity in raising money for its work in France. A few days ago, E. had a big party at the Residence in connection with this, and there were other similar entertainments in Paris. At one of them, an enthusiastic speaker, seems to have given the audience to believe that the work of the Committee was not confined to rescuing persons from behind the Iron Curtain, but extended to bringing Spanish Republicans across the border. I am not clear as to exactly what was complained of, but people have been calling us up and asking for information about this.

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We had a dinner to-night at the house before the Junior Guild supper-dance, which is to take place in the salons of Maggie Rouff. E. occupies some honorary position in connection with it. Dean and Mrs. Riddle of the American Pro Cathedral, Bunny and Hope Carter, Alan Arragon and his wife, and some others came to dinner.

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Sunday, February 12,1950.

Went to Versailles to-day for lunch and had André Dewavrin, Robert de Billy, Mona Williams, René McColl, Paris correspondent of the London Daily Express, and Hermione.

My birthday - E. gave me a lovely cigarette box from Keller with a daisy sketched on it.

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Monday, February 13,1950.

Mr. Sharon, Director General of the American President Lines, called on me this morning.

This afternoon, aside from other people connected with the office, I saw John Stewart, who introduced his new Agricultural Assistant, Mr. McCom. Commander Callen of the American Legion came to outline the functions I should perform on Washington's Birthday and to make arrangements for having a marine guard, etc. in connection with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Washington statue.

Harold Callender called, and we had a reception at the house.

We dined to-night at Madame Jean Larivière's at 62 rue de Varenne. It is a beautiful house. She is a Mexican, one of the Iturbi family, full of gaiety, high spirits, and attractive. There was a decorative lot of people and the food was excellent. Our

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Chef at the Embassy is her mother's former Chef.

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Tuesday, February 14, 1950.

I went to see Averell this morning after having had a staff meeting. He is leaving to-morrow for the United States to testify on the military armament program.

We lunched with Jacqueline Patenôtre at 58 avenue Foch. She has a beautiful library in her apartment [redacted] and many fine books. Edouard Bonnefous was another guest, Jean Prouvost, Margaret Biddle and President and Madame Queuille. I have a [redacted] real affection for M. Queuille. He said [redacted] the thing nearest to his heart of a political nature was the great honor which the people in his little village in Corrèze had done him by returning him for forty years as Mayor. We drank a rather extraordinary 1914 Chateau Margaux; the night before at Madame Larivière's we had had a 1915 Chateau Margaux.

M. Nicolas of the wine firm came to see me this afternoon at my invitation. He has [redacted] kindly

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undertaken to supply me with another large [redacted]ntity of old wines. Bob Solborg, [redacted] President of Armco International, came to see me to ask if I would forward a letter from him to General Bradley, and to discuss his apprehensions over the feeble way in which the French Government is coping with the present Communist demonstrations against arms shipments. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan came in to explain at great length the genesis of the present dispute between Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as to give me [redacted] a lengthy history of his country. Messrs. Wallner, Blum and Reed talked over steps which may be taken by ECA in regard to Indochina. Afterwards, M. Henri Fayol of the Cotton Institution called, and I told him about the difficulties we were having in regard to invitations to appear at luncheons and dinners of the Institute des Hautes Etudes Americaines, issued by a somewhat shady collaborationist. He is going to look into this matter.

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We had a large dinner to-night for the Greek Ambassador and his wife.

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Wednesday, February 15,1950.

Mr. Robert P. Bayard and Mr. L. P. O'Connor of Johnson Drake & Piper Inc., who were recently in North Africa, came to see me. Afterwards Mr. Radius of the Office of Telecommunications called. I gave a lunch for General Richards to-day at which were present: M. René Pleven, Minister of National Defense; General Cherrière, Chief of staff of President Auriol's cabinet; General Fay, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force; General Coudraux, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army; General Balland, Inspector General for Armaments Production, Admiral Deramond, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Navy; General O'Hare, Mr. Bohlen and Mr. Trueblood.

This afternoon Teddy White came to see me and then General Vanier, the Canadian Ambassador, to present his new Minister, Mr.MacDonnell. Afterwards Mr. Gilbert A. Harrison, International Delegate of the American Veterans Committee, called on me.

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Thursday, February 16,1950.

E., Tish, Turner and I left at 10.30 this morning for Rome. Arrived there at three o'clock on a non-stop flight. [redacted] We stayed at the Grand Hotel.

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Friday, February 17,1950.

We lunched with the Jimmy Dunns at the beautiful Embassy residence.

We visited various historical monuments as well as the Vatican which is beginning to be filled with Holy Year pilgrims.

Excellent dinner of fettucini, scampi and local wines at Alfredo's.

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Saturday, February 18,1950.

Lots of shopping to-day: - neckties, a scarlet silk shirt, and a small set of Venetian knives, forks and spoons in silver/gilt.

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Sunday, February 19,1950.

Left Rome at twelve o'clock. Had a huge picnic lunch and arrived at Orly at 4.30 p.m.

The weather for the past four days has been perfect, - like spring.

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Monday, February 20,1950.

Our Ambassador to Afghanistan, Ely Palmer, and Mr. Barko of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, came to see me this morning. Between the Israelis and the Arabs they are having tough sledding and do not give me the impression, to use Bill Donovan's favorite expression, that they are [redacted] happy in their work.

Chip brought in Captain Kauffman and two other naval officers who have just arrived to take up their duties with MDAP. In the afternoon, Colonel Richmond Harris, [redacted] [redacted] influential in Veteran affairs at home and who claims to be some sort of an Adviser to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, came to talk to me about his pet bill, sponsored by Vice President Barkley while he was still a member of the Senate, which Harris believes should be considered the logical follow-up to the Marshall Plan.

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As the Bill is still pending before Congress, I did not [redacted] express any opinion upon it.

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Chip and I went to see M. Parodi this morning who told us, to our great surprise, that unless a [redacted] large measure of assistance for Indochina were soon forthcoming from the United States Government, his Government might have to consider eventually withdrawing its troops and nationals from Indochina. We made a few, I believe rather pertinent, observations on this subject and retired to the Embassy to talk it over.

Douglas Fairbanks and his wife, Dicky Adare and Nancy, came to lunch. Dicky and Nancy gave us a dozen fine Compagnie des Indes plates and a salmon from Adare.

This afternoon I saw the [redacted] agreeable Mr. Samuel Ungerleider, introduced to me by a letter from Senator Bridges. The Nepalese Ambassador called. He is [redacted] gay and has just returned from Cannes, a city which he finds greatly to his taste. He wanted some advice about the use of Point 4 funds in Nepal.

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Preston Grover came in, and afterwards Volney Hurd of the Christian Science Monitor. I had a talk tonight with Walt Butterworth, who has just arrived here, about Indochina, and as a follow-up stepped across to the Crillon to have a drink at a large reception given by Prince Buu-Loc, Director of Bao Dai's cabinet. There were large numbers of Indochinese whom I am sure are much happier [redacted] here than at home.

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Wednesday, February 22,1950.

Together with the Service Attachés and a detachment from the Marine Guard, I laid a wreath on the George Washington monument at the Place des Etats-Unis this morning. Previously, we had been at the office discussing Indochina.

I had a lunch for M. Pignon, French High Commissioner in Indochina. The others were: M. Gorce, Chief of Cabinet; M. Couve de Murville, Political Director at the Foreign Office; M. Baeyens, Director of Asian Affairs at the Foreign Office; M. de Bourbon Busset, Assistant Director of the Foreign Minister's cabinet; [redacted] Walt Butterworth, [redacted] Messrs. Bohlen, Bonbright and Wallner.

Immediately after lunch, Jamie and I stopped at the exhibition of Christian Bérard's paintings and designs. It was a [redacted] impressive show, and lots of Bébé's friends were there. It is so sad his having

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died at the age of 48, because he had such real talent and also was one of the most attractive and lively individuals in Paris.

I had a talk this afternoon with Bob Blum, who is probably going out to Indochina next week to make a survey of the situation for the ECA French mission.

This evening I went to see M. Schuman, who has just returned to his office after a three week illness with grippe. He stated categorically that the French had no intention whatever of withdrawing from Indochina, and in fact repudiated what M. Parodi had said to Chip and myself, saying [redacted] M. Parodi had changed his mind.

This evening there was the annual George Washington dinner given by the American Club at the Hotel George V. I sat between M. Bidault and the Prefect of the Seine. I had a long and satisfactory talk with Bidault about Indochina and then he and [redacted] made speeches.

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I had lunch with Hervé Alphand who explained in detail the reason why the Finebel project has temporarily been put on ice. Charles Weil came to ask me to intervene with the French Government in order to raise the quota for export of calf skins from France to the United States.

Madame Jean Paul Boncour called to tell me her troubles in relation to her husband's status at the French Foreign Office. She is an American citizen. Her father was a German general in the first World War and her first husband was an Italian Count de Martino, who died in 1938. It seems [redacted] there is a notation in some British security file that she was considered a suspicious character during World War II at which time she was working with the AWVS in London. Foreign Officer personnel require clearance for marriages to foreigners if they wish to remain in the Service. This, Boncour, who was once Minister to Rumania, did not obtain; but he has been allowed to stay on in

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spite of that, but she fears [redacted] his chances of another foreign assignment have been prejudiced. The matter has been taken by friends of theirs up to President Auriol and down again to M. Parodi. She wanted no intervention by the Embassy, but wished us apprized of the facts in case anyone in the French Government speaks to us about it.

Mr. Hector Madero, the new Argentine Ambassador, whose last post was Cairo and who has recently arrived here, called on me. He is a [redacted] pleasant and chatty fellow; he says [redacted] Paris society is so diverse and he has so many social duties that he does not see how he will ever get around to the task of making any [redacted] reports to his government.

M. Herman Gregoire, who runs the "Journal de Versailles" interviewed me on the subject of his city. I told him [redacted] it was beautiful and fascinating in as many ways as my [redacted] command of the French

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language permitted, and he seemed well satisfied. He has written a book - the subject as yet unknown to me - which he has promised to send me. I am building up a considerable library in this way. [redacted]

M. Raphael, the Greek Ambassador, came, as he does quite frequently, to discuss in general terms the French political situation. He is keen and well-informed.

The local representatives of the Coca-Cola Company descended on the office this evening with a series of new grievances about French Government actions against the company. This is a case of gross discrimination induced by the long and elaborate campaign on the part of the Communists, the wine growers, the soft drink people and many others against Coca-Cola. We have made previous strong representations to the French Government about the matter and now I will have to make more, even though I never drink Coca-cola.

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Friday, February 24, 1950.

I had a [redacted] talk with George Bell this morning about foreign investments in France. This afternoon Berty Hoffman came in with Madame de Blignières. She had been in charge of a secret intelligence chain [redacted] operating out of Pau during the war, and was given by the American Government the Medal of Freedom with palm. She wished to know if we had any roving job that might enable her to be useful to the United States Government. We decided [redacted] there was nothing for her unless another war turns up.

Barclay Acheson, International Director of the Reader's Digest, and Mr. Thompson the local representative, called on me and we had a conversation about world conditions. Acheson had recently visited General MacArthur and I was interested in what he had to say.

M. Henri Frenay, [redacted] quite prominent in the Resistance movement and later [redacted] a Cabinet Minister, came to see me at Averell's suggestion. Averell had

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previously talked to me about him and thought it might be worth while to consider Frenay's ideas about polling some of the peoples of Western Europe in regard to a European federation movement. Frenay's main thesis is that the various European governments are not aware of and do not recognize the strong feelings of their respective peoples for some such form of union. He left a lot of material on this subject, and Paul Birdsall and myself expect to examine it further.

The Misses Nemeroff and Berlowe, introduced to me by Nathan Lickblau of the Democratic National Committee, came to call. They are making an extensive European tour by bus and then [redacted] returning to Paris to settle for a while.

I went to call on M. Schuman to present him with a letter protesting against the recent actions taken by the French Government regarding the Coca-Cola Company. We also discussed the Saar. The conferences between the

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French and Saar governments will terminate to-morrow and M. Schuman believes the result will be satisfactory to Secretary Acheson. I don't.

I ran into the new Austrian Minister at the Quai d'Orsay who, like his predecessor, seems [redacted] jolly.

The chief excitement here this afternoon centered about the results of the British election. The early Labor lead of 50 votes at one time was cut down to 5 votes but it looked at the end of the day as if Labor would have a slight edge over the Conservatives.

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Saturday, February 25, 1950.

Worked at the office in the morning and took a long walk this afternoon.

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Sunday, February 26,1950.

Went to lunch at Versailles. René Mayer, Minister of Justice, and his wife Denise, Joan Livingstone, the Pattens and Jerry Koch de Goureyn were the guests. It had snowed last night, and there were flurries of snow to-day for almost the first time this winter. The temperature, however, by night was above freezing.

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Monday, February 27,1950.

We had a lunch at the Embassy to-day for Perle Mesta, [redacted] the George Tysons, George Bijur and Donald Heath and his wife. Heath arrived early this morning from Bulgaria where we have closed our diplomatic mission. I had an [redacted] interesting talk with him about conditions there. In the afternoon, Mr. Sanford of Sioux City, Iowa, came in with a letter from Senator Hickenlooper. He has been at the International Labor Organization conference in Geneva. Mr. Peterson, President of the Otis Elevator Company, Mr. Douglas his Vice President, and Mr. Jacquet, his French manager, had a talk with me about the situation in regard to American investments in France. Colonel Bill Doeller, whom I had not seen for years, came to see me, and afterwards Mr. Max Epstein, Chairman of the General American Transportation Company, who is making his annual visit to Paris. He has stopped buying art objects, but I believe his mania is so

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incurable that this is only a temporary cessation.

Captain Spiesse came in to say goodbye. He is being transferred to Washington, and expects to resign shortly from the Air Force and go into business at Doualla in French Equatorial Africa. He is an attractive fellow and I am sorry to see him go.

Elie de Rothschild called to talk about various family matters.

We had a big dinner to-night for the Harveys, and eighteen others, with some excellent Musigny 1921. The guests were: Oliver and Lady Harvey; Edouard Bonnefous; M. et Mme Alexandre Parodi; the Wilfrid Baumgartners; British Minister and Mrs. Hayter; Duc and Duchesse de Guiche; M. and Mme Tvede; Duchesse de Mouchy and Norris and Fanny Chipman.

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Tuesday, February 28, 1950:

I ran into Jim Rogers downstairs this morning and had a [redacted] talk with him. He is over here in connection with the Foreign Bondholders Committee, but as usual has several other irons in the fire.

We had a staff meeting, and later I saw John Van Allen who had a letter to me from Vice-President Barkley. Amongst other financial interests he sells [redacted] machines for Coca-Cola.

We had a lunch to-day for the Papal Nuncio. The other guests were: Baronne Edouard de Rothschild, Comte and Comtesse Stanislas de Castellane, M. et Mme. François Mauriac, Air Marshal and Mrs. George, Colonel and Mme Rémy, Duc de Grammont, Comtesse Elie de Ganay, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baldwin, Comte André d'Ormesson and Hugh Russell.

Mr. Donald Kingsley of the International Refugee Organization came to see me this afternoon, and afterwards Howard Bailey to say goodbye....He is leaving

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the Embassy [redacted] Vice President of a commercial aviation organization. Gething Miller, the head of the American Legion, talked about the carbon graphite business in France which is actually an ECA affair, then Harold Callender about Indochina.

Isaac F. Marcosson, who for so many years was with the Saturday Evening Post and knows Europe [redacted] well, paid a call. Next I saw Mr. Enander, a Swedish journalist who had been covering the elections in England, and later had a talk with Bob Blum, [redacted]

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Wednesday, March 1, 1950.

Left Paris to-day at 10.30 in the Air Attaché's plane for Algiers. Temperature at Orly 34 degrees Fahrenheit, - a beautiful, clear, sunny day. We flew down the Rhone valley, over the cloud rack, at 9,000 feet, and had a pleasant lunch of sandwiches, coffee, fruit and Haut Brion 1944. Aboard are Colonel MacCloskey, Major Matlick and their wives. (during the war, the two officers were stationed in North Africa and did a lot of parachute dropping operations for OSS, operations into France for which McCloskey [redacted] much decorated.), the two excellent and engaging sergeants, Bill Tyler, John Utter, Turner Cameron, Evangeline and myself. If I did not love these trips as much as I do, because of the mere pleasure of travel, I would like them for the opportunity they give for a certain amount of leisurely reading, and freedom from immediate office cares and problems. I am

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reading Jules Bertaut's history of the Faubourg Saint Germain, which, especially if one knows the houses and the descendants of some of the families mentioned in it, is fascinating. As a change, I am also reading Jacques Saint Germain's book on "Les Financiers sous Louis XIV."

We arrived exactly five hours non-stop from our departure time at the Maison Blanche airfield of Algiers. There, Consul General Tait, Vice Consul Bogardus, Mr. Hannegan of ECA, the Commander of the field, and a representative of the Governor General, met us, bundled us into cars and took us to the Hotel Saint George.

As soon as we had dumped our baggage, we set forth under the guidance of M. Geiser, a Frenchman, once an AP correspondent, for a tour of the Arab quarter - the Kasbah. I had seen it in a cursory fashion thirty years ago, but this time it was a much more complete and interesting tour. There are about forty odd thousand Arabs crammed into this unsalubrious district, with its narrow streets, where the roofs almost meet

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overhead. It is horrid and literally stinking. The men look almost invariably like cut-throats, and the women - or what one sees of them behind the veils - not appetizing. We went through the prostitutes' streets - they were a worn-looking lot of old practitioners, but I daresay the youhg ones had shuttered themselves against infidel glances.

I had previously looked at the properties acquired by FBO. The prices paid seemed enormous, but they are fine buildings, especially Mr. Tait's villa with its beautiful garden.

After our Kasbah promenade, we all went to the Aletti hotel for drinks. Gone was the wartime glamour of the bar; it had even been physically transferred to another part of the hotel.

To-night, E., Bill, John, Turner and myself dined at Mr. Tait's. His wife was away, and he had the attractive Mrs. Bogardus as his hostess, and an excellent meal. Tait is a Virginian, hospitable, and a good representative for us.

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Thursday, March 2,1950.

I started the day by going through the Consulate offices, and then did the same thing in the U.S. Information Service building, where I was interviewed by some of the local correspondents, including a Communist. I explained that my trip was entirely unofficial, and then went off with Tait to call on M. Naegelen, the Governor General. It was most picturesque - a guard of Spahis with wicked looking drawn scimitars, and faces of bronzed brigands, were aligned from the entrance gate, up the curving steps and down the corridors to the Governor's office. We passed the time of day, and retired through the same files. What a gorgeous costume the Spahis wear - it has not changed for perhaps a hundred years, except for a little difference in embroidery.

E., Bill, John, Turner and myself motored out along the seacoast about thirty miles to Tipasa for lunch, which we took at the Hotel Beau Rivage. After promenading through the Roman ruins, we returned, making a detour to see Le

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Tombeau de la Chrétienne. This tomb was not really that of a Christian, but is a huge beehive-looking structure with Ionic columns constructed in the first century B.C. The view from its ramparts is unparalleled; below on one side the Mediterranean, on the others verdant and rich plains with snow-capped mountains in the distance. We crawled and wandered through the superb corridors inside the structure, which is empty of sacophagus or bones, whatever was there having been removed perhaps a thousand or more years ago. Some think it was erected for the Queen of Juba II, a Numidian King. She was a Ptolemy, a descendant of Cleopatra, and there is enough resemblance to the Pyramidal form of burial to lend some credence to this estimate. Fortunately, Bill Tyler is an authority on both Tipasa and the tomb so we had a delightful and instructive trip.

We came back on the sea road to the lower part of the city, just in time to attend a cocktail party at

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Mr. Tait's where he introduced us to the members of his staff, and a [redacted] pleasant and attractive group they were. By that time, I had become stricken with the sort of complaint which makes eating and drinking a hazard, [redacted] brought on, I think, by gulping a lot of town water this morning. However, there was no chance [redacted] to cossett myself, for we went on to dinner with the Governor-General at his house where he entertained us lavishly, and we met the chief members of his staff, including the Secretary-General M. Pelabon whom I had not seen since war days when he had been in the French Counter-Espionage Service.

It snowed in Algiers to-day - most unexpected. To-night there was a terrific thunderstorm. There had also been hail, rain and sunshine during the day. Very odd weather and really cold.

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Friday, March 3, 1950.

We left Maison Blanche at eleven this morning for Biskra, where we arrived at 12.30 in a howling gale, with sand flying all over the place. The Governor-General had kindly sent word ahead, and half a dozen cars containing police, the Sous-Prefet, the local Administrator, the Mayor of Biskra and others awaited us. We went to the Trans-atlantic Hotel, and after lunch set forth, under the guidance of our new French friends, to Tolga about 30 kilometers away. Biskra is a big oasis with, it is said, about 32,000 natives, 4,000 Europeans and 3,000 Jews as inhabitants. It was once quite a tourist resort, but now the main hotel seems almost deserted. We were glad to see, however, staying here M. Cain, Director of the Bibliothèque Nationale at Paris.

Tolga is entirely different from the more sophisticated Biskra. There are only three or four Europeans - all engaged in the date business - living in it. It was once a considerable Roman town, but nothing much of that era

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remains. We visited two famous gardens; [redacted] no flowers, but magnificent date palms watered from Artesian wells. which have a depth of almost a hundred meters. The proprietors were [redacted] affable and dignified, and this vicinity is famous for the quality of its dates, few of which are exported to the United States because - so it is asserted - of our curious requirements for packaging. The owner of the second place we visited had an aviary in his garden, with numbers of white pigeons and [redacted] love birds, the latter twittering away like mad and in all stages of courtship. We were served elaborate refreshments: Couscous (barley, well sugared, and with a few raisins in it) and the most delicious cakes, drenched in honey and date juice. The drinks were lemonade and hot tea with sugar and mint, a favorite Arab drink.

To-night, in Biskra, after dinner, we went to a local cabaret. The performers were drawn from the neighborhood, or from oases not far distant. The hall was bare and simple, with narrow wooden benches, a small stage and a dance

platform. The orchestra sat on a trestle back of this platform; [redacted] was [redacted] a flutist, a violinist, another violinist who coaxed strains from an [redacted] instrument resting [redacted] on his knees, a guitar player and a superlatively good drummer who operated on an earthenware gourd with cowhide stretched across the base. There was a colored male dancer, [redacted] who would cause a sensation in a metropolitan night club. Of the two female performers [redacted] one was a faded Venetian-looking type, dressed in garish spangles, who must have once had great beauty, and was still a complete mistress of her medium, belly-wriggling, breast-thrusting and play of hands. The other was young, with an alluring figure, and a modern conventional style of native dancing. The audience, with the exception of our women companions, was of course entirely composed of men, and dirty unkempt ones at that. There was little applause, and constant arrival and departure of spectators. The entrance fee for each of us was about 30 cents. The young negro

admirably, balancing
danced [redacted] an empty champagne bottle on his well tufted head.

The native women hereabouts are veiled, and it is impossible to tell whether they are well-favored. It is only the Ouled Nail, or the entertainers at Biskra, who expose themselves freely.

The drive to Tolga this afternoon was marvelous. Sand, mirages, and mountains, occasional patches of scanty vegetation, the French military road superb and almost the sole sign of human handiwork, and at sunset the moon already high and full in heaven, and the sky in the West red-orange, betokening another windy day to-morrow.

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Saturday, March 4,1950.

We left Biskra promptly at ten this morning. There was a strong wind, and bad weather ahead, so we flew off course, and passed over Kairouan, famous for its mosques and for being the fifth holy city of Islam, with ordered lines of olive trees ringing its suburbs. We then cut over above Sousse, and hit the coast near Hammamet. It was [redacted] cold last night in Biskra and again this morning, so we are glad to have our sweaters and thick Paris overcoats.

We arrived at Tunis promptly on schedule at 12.30, and found awaiting us almost the entire consular staff, headed by Consul General Earl Packer and his wife. Mingled with them was the Commander of the airport, the Mayor of Tunis, the General of the Bey's army, the Chief of Protocol and another representative of the Resident General, a civil representative of the Bey, and [redacted] scattered dignataries. The only greeters

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conspicuously absent were members of the press. It was all [redacted] genial, and nothing lacking except a [redacted] banner inscribed "Welcome Home".

We drove directly to La Marsa, where the Resident General had put his summer villa, which was more properly speaking a palace, (given to the French Government years ago by a rich Arab, who at the same time had made an almost equally splendid gift to the British Government of a house now inhabited by the British Consul-General), at our disposal. The Resident General, M. Jean Mons, and his wife were there themselves to meet us, and with great delicacy insisted [redacted] we were to regard it as our home during our stay, and to treat it in every respect as such. They left us to what they called a "little collation", which turned out to be a [redacted] complete and delicious lunch, well libated with Alsatian and Tunisian wines. The bedroom assigned to E and myself is a huge and airy space with white plaster walls

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partly covered, as is the general custom here, with mosaics. The adjoining bathroom was sensational, and both rooms have unusually attractive tile floors. Adjoining is a writing room and another piece with enormous cupboards, all of them looking out on what appears to be acres of garden, which one glimpses through trellises of thick vines, and trunks of palm trees. It is still [redacted] cold and consequently the steam heat in the rooms [redacted] is [redacted] welcome.

There was no time for relaxation, as we had a carefully prepared schedule that left no [redacted] opportunity for idleness, but I did snatch late this [redacted] afternoon a few minutes for a quick tour of the gardens with Turner. They contain hundreds of trees, heavy with oranges and lemons, row upon row of vegetables, thousands of rosebushes, great swards of violets and frisias, and planting of every kind which offers prospects of magnificent blooms later in the season. There is a stable with Arab riding horses, pools everywhere, with an especially large one

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containing great pots of lilies. A dozen peacocks preen themselves in a wire and cement enclosure. Next to them are white pigeons, who are neighbors of cream colored doves. In another enclosure are two sleepy gray donkeys, and in still another, with a conical house of their own, two exquisitely lovely gazelles, one of whom is named "Bambi". There is a tennis court, and a shapely earthen bowling-ground over which one looks directly on to the Mediterranean.

The McCloskeys are staying above us in the house, and Bill Tyler, John Utter and Turner are across the patio in what was once the Harem. It contains three bedrooms, and extensive bathing facilities. The chandelier and three gilt mirrors are Venetian, and it is a perfect pavilion.

We drove the twenty kilometers into Tunis, with a motor cycle escort determinedly shooing all traffic off the road, shrill sirens being blown whenever the

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reflex of other motorists or cart drivers seemed slow.

A small guard of honor trumpeted for us in the courtyard of the Residence, where Mr. Packer and myself paid a formal call on M. Mons. We were alone with him, and I was [redacted] impressed by his frankness and the liberality of his views.

We returned to La Marsa, dressed and dashed back to the Residency General for an excellent dinner, where besides M. et Mme Mons, E. and myself, there were the Packers, Bill, John, Turner, the McCloskeys, M. et Mme de la Chauvinière (representative of the Quai d'Orsay, and, in effect, Deputy Resident General), M. et Mme Chatenet, (she is a sister of M. Parodi and he is Chief of M. Mons' personal cabinet,) M. et Mme Brisset, a charming fellow who is diplomatic protocol officer, M. et Mme Leduc, Commandant and Mme Branet, M. de Testa, Lt. and Mme Carbonnel, all of whom exercise functions in connection with the Residency. It was a [redacted] congregation.

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Madame Mons is absolutely sweet, and infectiously gay. She is the daughter of the Mayor of La Villette, where Robert Gérard's wonderful Mansard chateau is situated. Mons is a socialist, and a devoted friend and admirer of Léon Blum whom he served as Chef de Cabinet during the last Blum Ministry. After dinner, Mons and myself had a long talk, which strengthened the favorable estimate of him I had tentatively formed. He is realistic and idealistic at the same time, and I believe is deeply and keenly aware of the possibilities open to him as Resident-General to bring into being measures of reform which might establish an enduring and satisfactory relationship between Europeans and natives in Tunisia. I would think him a man of greater wisdom than Naegelen, and of superior imagination and understanding.

A formidable task confronts him. Tunisia has a population of about 3,300,000, of which almost 88 percent are native Moslems, about 2.3 percent native Jews, and most of the rest Europeans, with those of French

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extraction predominant, and the Italians next in order. The Bey is nominally the ruler of the French Protectorate, the Resident-General being the appointee of the French Government. He is assisted by a ministry consisting of the heads of departments, both French and Tunisian.

The chief activities are mining and agriculture. Phosphates, lead and zinc and iron ore are the principal minerals, and the most important agricultural exports are olive oil, wheat, barley, wine, dates, esparto grass (from which paper is made) and citrus fruits. Tunis itself, the capital, with a population of about 375,000, is the nerve center of the country.

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A bountiful breakfast, featured by orange juice squeezed out of fruit from the terrace. We then went to town to tour the Bazaar which is a congeries of small shops, with the usual Moslem wares both for native use and for tourist incitement. Later we went to the Bardo Museum. Its richness of resources was so unexpected, the taste in display so adroit, that we were astonished and fascinated by it. To devote only a part of the morning to it was an offense. The galleries which contained the collection of Greek objects (loaded on a galley destined for Rome for the adornment of Sulla's home, which was shipwrecked off the Tunisian coast and drawn up from marine depths about the time of the first World War), were staggering in their importance and interest. Any comparison of the Bardo with the museums I have seen in Rome or Athens containing collections of similar periods would be to the disadvantage of the latter, or at least, in our enthusiasm, we thought so.

We were drawn away from these treasures in time to

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lunch with Consul John Dorman and his wife - an exceptional couple. He was born in Beirut, the son of missionary parents, and his knowledge of Arabic has, of course, greatly increased his usefulness here. She is from El Paso, and is [redacted] attractive. The Broceillets and Chatenets were also there, but before the processes of digestion were far advanced we left to motor to Hammamet, pausing for a moment that did not refresh at Nabeel to see a pottery works. It was disappointing, for although the artisans were using traditional methods of handicraft, the designs were of the sort [redacted] one would expect to find at Coney Island.

At Hammamet we went first to the house of John's friends, the Hensens. He is a Georgian, and a botanist of distinction, - she, I imagine, is English. They have been settled there, saving the war years when he was for a time a prisoner in Germany, for over a generation, and although the land around is not really a desert they certainly struck a rather arid soil and made it bloom with many varieties of imported

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plants and shrubs. The house is rambling, with a catholic lot of furniture, and its library included an unexpected first edition of "Paradise Lost". We walked next door to George Sebastian's house, the perfect residence for the tropics of which I had often heard Edwina d'Erlanger praise [redacted] the beauties. It is all black and white, [redacted] bare, stark and perfectly proportioned, the view onto [redacted] the sea magnificent, and a swimming pool to dream of. Sebastian was away, and Dick Woodruff, an American painter, did the honors in his absence.

By fast work, we managed to arrive at the Packers' a half-hour late for dinner. The Mons, the Chauvinières, General Tahar Maoui (Chief of Protocol of the Bey, a [redacted] smiling warrior), John Dorman and M. Mustapha Kaak (Prime Minister of the Tunisian Government) a delightful, agreeable companion, were the other guests. The FBO has never sent anyone to Tunis, and is blissfully or brutally unconscious of the inadequate lodgings [redacted] which our Consul General

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does not enjoy. It is shameful that alone of the large Powers we have housed our chief representatives in a fashion the Mayor of Brookneal, Virginia, would disdain. Also, the entertainment allowance for the whole Consulate General is $1,200. per annum, a sum barely sufficient for the entertainment which the Consul General had to give last fall for the officers and crew of a single American cruiser. We did our usual 20 kilometers back to La Marsa about midnight, after our pleasant dinner.

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Monday, March 6,1950.

This morning I went through the Consular offices. The building where we rent space is admirably situated and well lighted, opposite the Residency. Mr. Packer is evidently an excellent administrator, and a man of fine character. His wife, Iris, is resourceful and responsible, - they are both popular and extremely useful here.

We went off to Hammam-Lif at 11.30 for an audience with the Bey. His guard of honor, about twenty strong, was lined up on the sidewalk in front of his winter palace; I was afterwards informed, perhaps maliciously, that it consisted of two privates and eighteen colonels. Anyway, they were romantically dressed and stood granite-faced at attention. Two generals, including my new friend Maoudi, conducted us to the Throne Room, a rectangular apartment of no particular consequence lined with the sort of gilt chairs used at home for formal dances. A couple of tall Louis Philippe clocks stood on either side of

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the gilded throne, on which the Bey was seated.

Bill Tyler, Earl Packer and myself advanced, the Bey arose, and we made a couple of bows, modelling our conduct on that of General Maoui, until we reached the handclasp stage. On one side, the members of the Cabinet then seated themselves, and we took our places opposite them, I on the right hand - several steps below - of the Bey with the General upright on my left. The Bey will never see seventy again; but he looks much younger, with a thin, humorous and crafty face. Like the Cabinet ministers, he was dressed in striped trousers, black frock coat, and a red fez with black silk tassel. The Prime Minister and the General interpreted our respective remarks, mine being in French. The Bey cordially inquired into my impressions of his country which I assured him were so enthusiastic that I could not face with equanimity the prospect of quitting it. We all had a good laugh when I explained - or tried to - the singular lapse of almost thirty years between my first and second visits, except for wartime travels. Our entire conversation was facetious and everyone seemed in the best possible mood.

Finally, after demolishing a perfumed and sticky sweet-meat, we withdrew with our best protocol bows, leaving the old boy, I really think, rather diverted by [redacted] our meeting.

We sped back to the Consulate where I found E, who had been Soukshopping, looking for Burnouses and Venetian glass without success. We went to Sidi Bou Said to lunch with Baroness d'Erlanger, Leo's mother. I had seen the house briefly in 1943, when it was General Spaatz's headquarters and had spent several nights there. It is, of its kind, unique, and one could never again, I suppose, get workmen to do the elaborate details that are found there. The rugs are particularly good, and a tiny canal of water runs through the long reception room. However, it does not make the average European covetous. The Baroness is a sweetie; there was a lot of Burnous talk, and a former Prime Minister, who was wearing a wonderful embroidered white job, said he was going to send me one

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to Paris as a present. I hope he does!

We left in mid-coffee to look at the American cemetery at Carthage. Also the Cathedral of the White Fathers where Cardinal Lavigerie is buried. The tour through the White Fathers' Museum, especially the Punic part, was most interesting. Finally we went to see the Baths of Antonini in Carthage, which have been excavated during the past five years. They were greater in extent than the largest baths in Rome, and being on the edge of the sea must have been, in their day, altogether spectacular. Some of the columns recently dug up were obviously of Italian origin, but how in view of their bulk they were handled either on shipboard or ashore I cannot fathom.

Always a little behind our crowded schedule, we made our way to the Packers for a cocktail party they were giving for us, and where we met not only the staff of our own Consulate and the American colony in Tunis, but the Foreign Consuls and their ladies. It was a fine and interesting

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reception, given with great taste and effort by the Packers in their inadequate house. If possible, we must try to get FBO - no easy task - to remedy this regrettable situation which makes the chief American representative in Tunis the object of undisguised commiseration by all other foreigners, and probably natives as well.

Escorted as usual by our faithful motorcycle squad, which for some reason was to-day increased to five - probably because of Communist mutterings - we went back for the third time to La Marsa, dressed, and returned to the Residency in Tunis for a gala official dinner. The Mons, so hospitable, had this time invited about sixty people, most of them high French and Tunisian officials, as well as a few persons covered by that catchall description "Personalités Diverses", who were mostly prominent farmers. It has rained almost continuously since our arrival in Tunis, a climatic state devoutly desired here where dryness is a constant threat. We were

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congratulated again and again for having brought them this good luck, and they termed us "Wearers of green spurs".

As has been our experience throughout our stay, our fellow-guests were gay and charming, and our French host and hostess, as usual, warm and considerate.

About midnight we arrived at Sidi Bou Said, at the house of John Sabini who leads Bill Tyler's section here. It is on the d'Erlanger property, and we heard a few Andalousian-Arab songs, sung by a young Arab painter, before going home.

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Tuesday, March 7,1950.

Distressed to leave, we parted from the comforts and delights of our borrowed palace at 9.30 this morning, said goodbye to a veritable little host of Americans, French and Arabs at the airport, and boarded our plane, one side of which was banked like a coffin with flowers. At ten o'clock we were aloft in the rain, but it cleared before we sighted Sardinia, and we had a smooth trip of two and a half hours to Corsica. There the Prefect, who had formerly been Prefect at Avignon, met us, and gave us lunch at the airport café, full of excuses for not having been allowed [redacted] time to feast us [redacted] at the Prefecture of Ajaccio. It was just as well, for our simple little lunch lasted two and a half hours. The Prefect was charming, and deprecatingly did the honors of a table where the fare was perfect. The wines, white, red and champagne, were good - the first two produced in Corsica. We had the best loup de mer

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I have ever tasted, as well as tender local chicken.

We ate Corsican goat cheese and smoked Corsican cigarettes.

There was lots of laughter, and we left hoping soon to return.

The island is beautiful from the air, and the landing field

[redacted]/picturesque. [redacted]

At 3.15 o'clock, we were airborne in absolutely clear weather, expecting to cross the French coast at Toulon.

We had a smooth flight up the Rhone Valley, and across Lyons, and reached Orly at 6.45 P.M., after an altogether marvelous trip. Because of poor visibility we flew around the field for half an hour but finally landed.

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Wednesday, March 8, 1950

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I went to the office this morning and ran through piles of accumulated mail and telegrams. Ken Royall, [redacted] now a lawyer in New York, came to see me in connection with his business here which relates to the Fox Movietone discrimination case. Mr. Jessup of Fortune, who is doing a sketch on ECA in Europe, called. Tonight we had a small dinner at home for the Royalls, Ben Cohen, and the Bohlens. Chip and Ben had been up all last night at the debate in the Chamber of Deputies over sabotage legislation. It was apparently a pretty fierce performance with some of the women deputies pulling out each other's hair and the men engaging in a free-for-all brawl, with kicking, biting, and all sorts of unorthodox warfare practiced. However, about 7 o'clock this morning the Communists quieted down sufficiently to allow a vote to be taken and they were overwhelmingly defeated.

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Thursday, March 9, 1950.

I talked this morning to Connie and Dick Mellon who are staying at the Ritz. She has been stricken with chicken pox so we will not be seeing them. David Schoenbrun came to see me and then Bert Jolis, who I am [redacted] glad to say has returned to Paris to spend quite a long time, and has brought Eva with him. Mr. Benedict of CARE came in to introduce his successor Mr. Karnig, then my friend Lloyd Hyde who is on one of his glass and china tours. He thinks [redacted] he is about to get from the British Government some of the famous 18th century chandeliers which were in the pump room at Bath for presentation to the White House. Ambassador Bonnet, who is leaving to-night, came in and we had a long talk about South East Asia.

To-night we had a dinner of about 24 people at the house for the Ex-King and Queen of Yugoslavia. He had been useful to us in OSS during the war, but is rather a dope.

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Friday, March 10, 1950.

I went to Notre Dame this morning to attend the funeral service for the late President Lebrun. The Mass was [redacted] impressive. The cathedral itself is always indescribably beautiful. Although it was [redacted] mild outside, within it was cold and damp and everyone wore their overcoats. E. and I went to lunch at the Restaurant Taillevent, rue St. Georges, where the food is excellent. M. Jacques Lacour-Gayet, M. Louis Rollin and M. George Maus, who have recently been in the United States for a goodwill trip on which they were received by President Truman, came in this afternoon. They are most enthusiastic over their visit. Admiral G.R.Cooper, of the U.S. Joint Planning Group of the Western Mediterranean region, paid me a courtesy call. He is a [redacted] engaging officer.

M. Jean-Paul David, Deputy of the Seine et Oise, accompanied by M. Jean Copernat who is closely connected with M. Herriot, came in to talk to me about anti-communist propaganda possibilities. The trouble with the French is

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[redacted] they seem to be unable to organize anything of this sort themselves and wish to lay the baby in our lap. We have had a lot of discussions over the past couple of years on a global basis, of the subject/and I am not at all satisfied with the progress [redacted] made, the slowness of which is due to a variety of reasons, the most important being the lack of knowledge on the part of our Congress and the Executive Branch of how to conduct psychological warfare. Loren Carroll came to see me and was followed by Harold Callender. Tonight we had a dinner for the Teitgens (Minister of Information)and the Beuve-Merys (publisher of Le Monde). The Tylers and Bohlens were there and as both M. Teitgen and M. Beuve-Mery are eloquent conversationalists we had an interesting time. Beuve-Mery cherishes what I believe to be the [redacted] unrealistic hope that in the event of a war between the U.S. and Russia, France might somehow remain neutral. Although Teitgen is determined [redacted] France must place herself as quickly as possible in a position of defense, he is not optimistic about a war being avoided.

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Saturday, March 11, 1950

I saw Bill Clark this morning [redacted] he was formerly Federal Judge in New Jersey) with his wife, Sonia Tomara, and then we had Max Epstein, his wife, and a crowd of other people for lunch.

This afternoon I have to present myself at 6:30 at the Jockey Club to which I was lately elected. The Duc de Doudeauville, who is in his 80's, is the President, and he was anxious to adhere to the old custom of the organization, namely that dressed in a frock coat I should be presented by him to each of the hundreds of members who could be enticed to be present on the occasion.

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Sunday, March 12, 1950.

E. and I went to meet the Jessups this morning at the train from London. It was an hour and a half late, and we brought them back to the Residence where they are to stay. We all went for lunch at La Lanterne where we were joined by Sir George and Katherine Sansom. Took a good walk in the park in the afternoon and had the Huntington Gilchrists, the Chambers and Averell to dinner to-night.

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Monday, March 13, 1950.

Mr. Garner, Vice President of the International Bank, came to see me this morning and then I had lunch with Averell in the beautiful apartment [redacted] he has rented from Emily Lagrange in the rue Saint Guillaume. He was [redacted] interesting about his recent trip to Washington, [redacted]

Loren Macy and Foster who had worked [redacted] with me in the Department of Commerce came in [redacted] this afternoon. I then had a talk with Tomlinson who has just returned from Washington. Later Griselda Martineau, who had gotten a great deal of attention in L'Humanité [redacted] this morning as a result of some factious [redacted] telegrams she sent to Alphand in Rome, came to see me.

At five o'clock, I went to call on M. Schuman with Phil Jessup. We had a long talk with him and he was intensely interested in Jessup's comments about conditions in South East Asia.

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To-night we had a dinner of 28 at the house, at which Phil met the Prime Minister and the leading Foreign Office personnel. The guests were: [redacted] Prime Minister [redacted]/and Madame Bidault; M. Alexandre Parodi, Secretary General of the Foreign Office, and Madame Parodi; M. Hervé Alphand, Director of Economic Affairs at the Foreign Office and Madame Alphand; M. J. Baeyens, Director of the Asiatic Division of the Foreign Office and Madame Baeyens; M. Peter, Director of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Oversea Territories and Madame Peter; General Cherrière, Chief of Staff at the Presidency of the Council and Madame Cherrière; M. Bernard Clappier, Director of Cabinet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Madame Clappier; Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bingham; Mr. William Gibson; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bohlen; Mr. and Mrs. Bonbright; Mr. and Mrs. Wallner and Mr. Turner Cameron.

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Tuesday, March 14, 1950.

Phil had a Press Conference at 9.30 this morning. He had intended to stay here until Wednesday and to go home by boat, but since his arrival he received word that Senator McCarthy had been continuing to press on the subject of Jessup's supposed Communist affiliations, and it was desirable for him return at once by plane and testify before the Tydings Committee. The whole attack on him is an outrage, but he had no choice except to fly home this afternoon.

Phil and I went with Bill Tyler and Bill Gibson to see M. Teitgen, Minister of Information, at 10.30 A.M. Teitgen launched forth with considerable eloquence on the subject of French difficulties in Indochina.

At 11.30 we called on President Auriol. He made a lengthy though somewhat self-serving discourse on the French Union and the relationship to it of the Associated states. President Auriol was under the impression that Phil had

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made a declaration in India that he favored complete independence for Vietnam without any attachment to the French Union. Phil assured him [redacted] this was a misquotation, and that he had explained the matter at some length in his Press Conference this morning. We went on from there to see M. Bidault who had read the ticker on Jessup's morning remarks and who expressed himself as being [redacted] pleased at what he had said.

At 1.30, PM. Schuman gave him a lunch at the Foreign Office with the leading French personalities most directly connected with foreign policy. We went straight from there to the airport, where we met Lois and the others and Phil left for England [redacted] whence he will take a plane to-night for the United States.

John Plakias came in to say goodbye this afternoon, and afterwards Kenneth Royall to discuss his Fox Movie Tone business.

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I went to a reception given by the Papal Nuncio to celebrate the happy occasion of the eleventh anniversary of the election and crowning of the Pope.

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Wednesday, March 15, 1950

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After having seen Jessup off at the airport, inquiries from Newspaper correspondents about the results of his short stay continued last night and today. I went to see General Vanier this morning regarding his Government's possible interest in an office property we are eyeing. From that subject we branched out into a dicussion about various features of the French political situation, and I was struck as always by his calm and excellent judgment. Barry Bingham came to see me and I lunched with E. at Le Roy Gourmet, on Place des Victoires, one of the most beautiful squares in Paris. During the afternoon, I was occupied chiefly with office matters and members of the staff. Mrs. Walter Linthicum, the wife of our Consul in Bordeaux, came to extend an invitation to attend their music festival in April. I saw Edwin Muller of the Reader's Digest and afterwards Chip Robert and the Mayor of Atlanta. The conversation, as might be imagined, inevitably turned on Coca-Cola.

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Thursday, March 16, 1950

The new Austrian Minister, Mr. Schmid, came to see me. He speaks English fluently, and was stationed here many years ago. We lunched with Sammy Hood at 66 rue Pergolese, with his sister, Princess Murat, Johnny Lucinge, Clermont-Tonnerre from the Foreign Office and Cècile de Rothschild. Former Ambassador Brugère, about whom Arthur Lane had spoken to me, came in this afternoon. He is interested in the possibility of setting up a Free World organization in France. Mr. Fischer, Israeli Minister, also called. He says [redacted] the rate of immigration into Israel has now declined to about 10,000 persons a month. M. Dejean, the new French Ambassador to Tokio had a talk with me this afternoon. He has never before been stationed in the Far East, [redacted] but has had considerable diplomatic experience. He was followed by M. Marcel Boussac who was concerned with the implications of the recent Franco-Italian customs agreement. I told him [redacted] we were greatly in favor of any steps toward unification, either regional or total, in Western Europe. Later, M. Léo [illegible], head of the Police, the Prefet of the Seine and a representative of Mayor de Gaulle of Paris

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who is himself out of town, came in to present a Legion of Honor to be forwarded to the family of Mr. Robert White Shaw, who died gallantly while trying to rescue a French-woman who was drowning in the Seine. It was a [redacted] fine gesture on their part and something which will be greatly appreciated by Mr. Shaw's family.

We had a reception of about 100 people at the Residence this afternoon, and later Sir Edmond Hall-Patch, Sir George and Lady Sansom and Ashley Clarke dined with us. We all then went to the Theatre de la Michodière to see a play called "Bobosse", where M. Perier put on/a fine [redacted] exhibition of acting, t[redacted]

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Sunday, March 19, 1950

We took off from Orly today at 11.15 - Chip and Avis, Turner Cameron, the two McCloskeys, the two Matlicks, the two sergeants, and ourselves. The weather was overcast, and there were icing conditions, the temperature being about 55° degrees on the ground. We flew first at 5000 feet, and after we reached the Mediterranean at 9,500 feet. A [redacted] picnic lunch killed an hour of the time, and it was wonderful to get in some quiet reading.

We reached Florence in four and a half hours, and found our Consul George Waller, with members of his staff, on the field. I have seen him at various times during his career; first when he was a young Vice Consul in Greece, and again in 1944 when he was returning to Luxembourg, his favorite post where he was much liked, and of which country he was the first foreigner to be made an honorary citizen. His language is grandiloquent; in speaking of his approaching retirement, he observed that it would find him in the "full plenitude his mental powers". He came from Alabama

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originally, and always has had his mother - aged about 95 - and his spinster sister with him. They recently moved into a residence purchased by FBO, a medium sized palace on the Arno, well designed, as George Waller puts it, for "all the amenities of gracious living".

The Wallers gave a reception for about fifty people shortly after our arrival, and upon leaving there, the light still being good, we took a car and went to Fiesole, where we saw the old church and the Roman amphitheatre, but above all enjoyed the heavenly view of the Tuscan plain. We had earlier had a stroll in Florence to the Ponte Vecchio and through the marvellous Piazza della Signoria. The Germans, before retreating from Florence, had blown all the bridges except the Ponte Vecchio, where they destroyed the two ends but left the main body of it comparatively intact.

We dined tonight in an excellent cellar restaurant named Bocca di Lapi, the walls of which are decorated with every variety of European poster. We ate antipasto, and a [redacted] satisfactory steak [redacted] grilled over charcoal.

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With it we had flasks of reddish-black local Chianti wine, coarse and grapey, the kind that seems to improve a little with each additional glass.

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Monday, March 20, 1950.

E. and I alert betimes this morning for a day of sight-seeing. Our first stop was at the Uffizi and the glorious collections there. No reproduction or description fully prepares one for the delicacy, the ethereal imagination, and the beauty of Botticelli's Venus Rising from the Waves. One shortly becomes almost surfeited with the sight of master-pieces of painting, sculpture and tapestry making. From there we went to the Bargello, where all the sculpture so closely approaches the ultimate in Renaissance achievement that one is quite dumfounded. Thence to see the Ghiberti doors in the Baptistery, and make a round of the Duomo. A bit worn by footwork, we stopped for a flask and a green fettuchini-type pasta and some satisfactory slices of veal at a small restaurant on the piazza, where a column dedicated to Cosimo the Great bears on its crest a massive female in porphyry balancing a pair of scales.

Immediately after our lunch we set upon Santa Maria

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Novella. The church was bitterly damp and cold, and the frescoes hard to see in the half obscurity, but the cloisters were perfection, with the Spanish chapel, the Uccello refectory, and above all the lovely combination of arcades and greensward. Also during the morning George Waller had kindly whipped us off in his car for half an hour to enjoy the great view of the city from Piazzale San Michele.

We beat the pavements assiduously until about five, when we had a refreshing pause for chocolate in Doney's famous patisserie, tea shop etc., the adored resort for many generations of resident British, Americans, and wealthy Tuscans. Of the last there seem still to exist a goodly number. There is much American blood in the Tuscan nobility, and it is to be assumed a considerable and consequent flow of dollars here. Waller thinks on the whole these local aristocrats - who are politely parasitic - are better off, because of the high prices of farm produce, than they were before the war, since tenacity in holding land is about their most cherished principle. I have seen none of them for many years, but they

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have always born the reputation of being agreeable and attractive, with thistledown minds.

After chocolate, we did the leather and antique shops. The former afforded us satisfaction, but the latter yielded no spoils. What little we saw in desirable glass and furniture was higher in price than similar articles in Paris.

After the two most exhausting exercises I know of, looking at museums and shopping, we suffered from double fatigue, and were glad to take a couple of Cinzanos with Chip, Avis and Turner at the Excelsior before we all went to dinner at Paoli's. We were conducted there in two carriages driven by seedy-looking and joyful coachmen, reckless of pedestrian life, as rapidly as the aged nags could trot, with ostentatious cracking of whip lashes. More pasta, more veal, more Chianti, and at the end a glass of Grappa, an Eau de Vie calculated to make even a vodka attuned stomach wince.

To bed to read of what I had seen, which had already become confused, blurred, and telescoped in memory. A wonderful, im-

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pressionistic day, leaving one at the end impatient to come back with ample time for slow absorption of what is although ancient still so living in Florenee.

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Tuesday, March 21, 1950

The shops in Florence open at 8:30, close at 1, and reopen at 3 with no inhospitable bars until dark. E was out early in quest of a leather desk set and gloves, but finally our scattered forces were reunited by 10:30 in the hotel bus, and we took off from the airport at 11. The day is rainy and misty and the flight to Rome no more enlivening than if the windows had been blacked-out. We sat down on the Roman airport at 12:30, and after a brush up at the Hotel Hassler hurried to Alfredo's (the "King of Fettuchini" he advertises himself as being) and all had heaps of his specialty, and also scampi and many flasks of wine.

The Dunns gave a huge reception this afternoon at Villa Taverna, after which E. and I dined quietly, and I worked until about 2 a.m. over the countless papers and reports pertinent to the Ambassadors' meeting tomorrow.

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The Hassler is wonderfully situated, almost overhanging the Piazza di Spagna, but is jerry-built as far as partitions between rooms are concerned; we can hear distinctly every word spoken by our neighbors - an American couple - and the Bohlens report the same condition in their case, where two quarrelling Germans, unable to reach amatory agreement, keep them awake. The prices are [redacted] high, perhaps because of Holy Year; we have a bedroom, sitting room and bath for 20,000 lire or about $36.

Our meetings started at 10 this morning in the Chancery, the old Queen Margherita palace. It must be about the best appointed office building in the world - huge, [redacted] overornate, but ideal for the functional purposes of an Embassy. Averell and Phil Bonsal from OSR, Jack McCloy, Jimmy Riddleberger and Colonel Gerhardt from Germany, Tick Bonesteel from ECC, George Perkins and Mac Godley from Washington, Lew Douglas and Piggy Warburg from the U.K., Alan Kirk and George Morgan from Moscow,

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Chip and myself from Paris, and Jimmie Dunn, Homer Byington, and Newbie Walmsley of the Italian Embassy were around or near the table.

We had a really absorbing discussion, adjourned for lunch (where I ate fettuchini and scampi with Averell at Alfredo's) and resumed in the afternoon to continue until just time enough to dress for an agreeable dinner of forty people at the Dunn's at 9 p.m. The day was beautiful, and warm enough to walk around without a coat and hat, the latter article apparently being forsworn by most Romans in all weather, despite the ubiquitous Borsalino advertisements.

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The Italians are much more given to advertising than the French, and there are posters in true Broadway fashion wherever they are permitted. Also, in contrast to Paris, there is a tremendous amount of residential construction in evidence both in Rome and its outskirts.

We commenced again at 10 o'clock, knocked off for a man's lunch [redacted] at Villa Taverna, and kept going until five when complete with wives we attended a reception, given by Count Sforza, the Foreign Minister, at which [redacted] Prime Minister de Gasperi was present, at the Villa Madama. I had last seen it when Dorothy and Carlo di Frasso occupied it, but now it has been taken over by the State, and is used for the entertainment of distinguished visitors. Raphael was the architect of the gardens, as well as of the house, and he did his work supremely well. Unlike many of the Roman villas, the interior presents an appearance of I cannot say cosiness but of the possibilities of comfortable living. The proportions

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of the rooms are perfection, and the painted ceiling in the huge marble entrance hall, presumably done by Giulio Romano, under the superintendence of Raphael, is worthy of protracted neck straining.

Tonight we had an enjoyable dinner with the Walmsleys.

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After this morning's session, Chip, Avis, E and I motored to Tivoli for lunch, which we took out of doors at the Ristorante Villa d'Este. Antipasto, Fettuchini, and marvellous fresh trout from a nearby stream. We had a quick run through Villa d'Este but had not time to descend into the tempting gardens before streaking back to the Ambassador's meeting, where we finished off a long telegram of conclusions and recommendations. At seven o'clock, Dave Zellerbach, Chief of the ECA Mission, gave a vast reception at the Grand Hotel, after which E. and I crawled into that admirable old restaurant Ranieri for a final attack on pasta. While there, we laid in a store for tomorrow's picnic lunch on the plane.

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Saturday, March 25, 1950

Another beautiful day, the fourth in a row. George Perkins and his wife are flying back with us, and we left the airport about 11.15. Arrived at Paris at 4:15 after a smooth flight and went to the office where there was plenty to do. I ran into Bill Seamans on the street and brought him with me for a short conversation. Nancy and he, and Popie and Huck Kilby, have just come here from London.

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Sunday, March 26, 1950

Lydia Kirk came to stay to-day. Alan is leaving at once for Moscow and she is going home for a visit.

We went to Versailles for lunch. This afternoon, Colonel McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, his granddaughter Miss Hooper, Mr. Wales of his Paris office, Mr. Rue of his German office, and the Tylers came for drinks. McCormick seemed almost dotty. His influence is evil.

To-night we had a dinner for the Kilbys and the Seamans.

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Monday, March 27, 1950.

Lunched with E. [redacted] in the office to-day on hamburgers and chocolate milk shakes. [redacted] We settled a lot of dates for meals and receptions. [redacted] Messrs. Tomlinson and Timmons came in to talk to me about some of the ECA French problems. Afterwards I saw Ed Dickenson and a large group in connection with the Indochina situation. André Laguerre of Time called to talk about his idea of having a round-table discussion in regard to growing anti-American feeling in France. I saw Phil Bonsal to discuss some of his personal plans. Afterwards George Perkins and myself went to see M. Parodi with whom we had a conversation about the agenda for the next Council of Foreign Ministers meeting and kindred topics. We went to Chip's to a cocktail party for the MDAP group, and I had an opportunity to talk to René Pleven about French defense problems.

To-night, we had dinner with Dean Riddle in his fine [redacted] Rectory - [redacted] delicious food and good company, including Dean Beekman, Bishop Leonard and his wife and the Bunny Carters.

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Tuesday, March 28, 1950.

To-day, after a staff meeting, I busied myself with various office matters and at noon had a meeting with John Wood, Horton Kennedy and Roy Weeks of the American Overseas Memorial Committee to arrange for the decoration of American military graves on Memorial Day.

We had a large lunch for Mr. and Mrs. Kleitz of the Guaranty Trust Company, the Tupper Barretts and a lot of others amongst whom were Walter and Camilla Edge. Walter had been Ambassador here from 1929-1933 and it was interesting to have his comments on what had happened during his period of service.

Chauncey Garver, introduced by Gordon Aiken of the National City Bank, came in to see me. He is on a vacation, but like many lawyers has had it interrupted by his firm to attend to work here. Harold Bache of J. S. Bache & Company explained the situation of his Paris branch. Unless they can get assurances that their local office will not be subjected to certain

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French taxes on [redacted] American transactions, they intend to close it. Mr. Barnard, the lawyer who amongst other clients [redacted] represents Pepsi Cola and Twentieth Century Fox Movietone, came in to talk about the latter situation. This firm also intends to close its operations, which [redacted] employs several hundred French nationals, unless it is relieved from the present discriminatory treatment against it. This is a matter on which the Embassy personnel has been working for sometime.

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Wednesday, March 29, 1950.

Brigadier General Arthur Trudeau, who has been stationed in Germany for the last two years, and is now going home to head the Army War College, came in with Red O'Hare.

I had a lunch to-day for M. Tessier, head of the Christian Wo[illegible]ers Union, M. Milou of C[illegible], and Dick Eldridge.

This afternoon I saw Clinton Knox of the Western European Political Branch of the Division of Research for Europe in the State Department. The new Peruvian Ambassador, Admiral Dulanto, came to pay me a courtesy call. Afterwards, Tupper Barrett and Mr. Kleitz of the Guaranty Trust Company; Raymond Dickey of OSR, Geoffrey Parsons of the New York Herald Tribune, successively came in before I went to a reception at the Librarie Plon which is publishing in French Bob Sherwood's book on Harry Hopkins. I found somewhat to my surprise about two hundred people

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there, including many of the foremost literary figures of France. M. Bourdel in presenting the Sherwood translation made a graceful speech in which he referred to Franklin, Jefferson, Munroe and many other American Presidents, with an extraordinary felicity of expression. I thanked him in a speech, and we had champagne and cakes.

I then went home too late to see M. Gutt, Chairman of the International Monetary Fund, who had already left.

We dined at the Wallners' at 16 Villa Said, where amongst others were the Patrick Hennessys with whom we hope to stay one of these days in Cognac.

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Thursday, March 30, 1950.

I saw Mr. Telford, the Legal Attaché, this morning, [redacted] after almost five years here, he is leaving, and [redacted] he came in to introduce his successor, Mr. West.

Lewis Clark, who was one of the members of the same class as mine in the Foreign Service School about 25 years ago, and who is on his way to Libya, came to see me. Of our original class of 14 only 4 remain in the Foreign Service. The original number has been whittled down by death, drink, and disillusion. Bob Murphy dropped in before his engagement to make a speech at the American Club.

Jean Monnet came to lunch with me and was in an engaging philosophical mood. He has an astoundingly quick and comprehensive mind. George Bell brought in Roger Straus who has recently come to OSR to stimulate dollar exports. We had a good talk about the possibilities of doing something constructive in France. Teddy White and John Hersey came in for what I call question period. Teddy never wastes

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time, for he always has pertinent and usually embarrassing questions ready in advance, but I enjoy it.

Messrs. Bingham, Timmons and Tomlinson discussed the allocation of counterpart funds for this year, and I walked home just in time to dress for dinner at the Bunny Carters'. The George Whitneys, the Julian Allens, Marina Sulzberger, the Duc de Gramont and the Oliver Harveys were the other guests.

Léon Blum died to-day - a man who will leave a great vacuum, especially in the life of the Socialist Party, in this country. He had immense charm and a beautiful face. His manners were affectionate, and his mind inclined to philosophy.

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Friday, March 31, 1950.

I took a long walk at lunch time, then had a plate of eggs at the Commissary mess, which is well run. I saw various people in the office this morning and this afternoon, and also Bob Blum from ECA France, who has been offered another flattering Government position. He is a man of unusual intellectual capacity and a fine character.

Jean Paul David, the Deputy and leader of RGR, came in to develop further his ideas about publicity in France as a counter to Communist propaganda. He talks brightly and well. M. Maurice Nègre, Director of Agence France Presse, introduced by Bill Tyler, called on me to discuss how this powerful agency might be discreetly useful in the cold war. He was, before the war, correspondent for Havas in the Balkans, was imprisoned by the Germans in Rumania in 1940 and managed to escape. He made his way back

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to France and went straight to Vichy, where he did an outstanding job of organizing a resistance and intelligence network in the Vichy administration. After the Liberation, he was appointed director of his present organization, but was forced to resign early in 1946 because of his attempts to resist the Communist infiltration of the Agence, and he remained without any official position until early this year when he was reinstated.

There was quite a to-do on the Champs Elysées tonight when demonstrators tore up paving stone blocks and tossed them at the police. They were manifesting against the Figaro, which is housed at the corner of the Rond Point, because of its current publication of articles by SS Colonel Skorzeny, a real desperado, who parachuted into the locality where Mussolini was imprisoned and delivered him from captivity. Skorzeny was supposed to have been responsible for the infiltration of Germans dressed in American uniforms at the commencement of the battle of

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the Bulge, who had orders to assassinate high ranking American officers.

To-night we had a dinner for about 26 people at the Residence. The guests were: Duff and Diana Cooper, Robert de Billy, Margaret Biddle, Mike Forrestal, Joan Allen Livingston, Guy and Alix de Rothschild, Jean Hottinguer, Cecily Severne who is staying with us, John Utter, Guy de la Tournelle who has replaced Couve de Murville at the Foreign Office, André and Andrée de Vilmorin, M. and Mme Henri Claudel, Virginia and Brose Chambers, General and Mrs. Richards, Evy and Diego Suarez, etc.

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Saturday, April 1,1950.

At the office this morning. This afternoon read an accumulation of Departmental pamphlets, papers, etc.

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Sunday, April 2, 1950.

Cicely Severne left early this morning, and we went out to Versailles and had a walk in the Park with the boys. Robert Gérard, Katie Blackwell, Marie Louise Bousquet, Sir Roger Makins, came for lunch. I went directly from there to the memorial ceremonies for Léon Blum which were held in the Place de la Concorde. Promptly on the stroke of four it rained in torrents. Then it hailed. Thereafter, it rained almost constantly. The diplomats looked rather miserable in their silk hats, and few of them had taken the precaution of bringing umbrellas. Members of the Cabinet, however, looked more miserable still since some of them had come without [redacted] hats [redacted]. A large band was huddled beside the Obelisk, and played [redacted] funeral marches, as well as the Marseillaise, which meant that all hats were off a great deal of the time. There ware fine looking files of Republican guards, [redacted] inspected upon his arrival by

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President Auriol, who then took his seat next to us close to the gate into the Tuileries. There were some thousands of spectators. The first indications of a funeral were when three large trucks covered with flowers drove slowly through the Place de la Concorde. About ten minutes later, the coffin was brought and deposited on a small stand near where the members of the Government were seated. Daniel Mayer made the first speech. There was a particularly violent outburst of rain during which some kind soul held an umbrella over his head. He was determined to say every word he had written and went through page after page of a [redacted] discourse, largely devoted, from what we could hear of it, to Socialist Party matters. He was followed by Guy Mollet, Executive Head of the Socialist Party machinery, who did somewhat better, but whose voice did not carry well through the microphone.

Then an old gentleman with a long white beard, [redacted] delivered a speech on international

Socialism. Yvon Delbos spoke for the Government. It was an excellent funeral oration. Finally President Auriol took the microphone and paid a moving tribute to his friend, winding up with an apostrophe to all Frenchmen to abandon as far as possible their political differences and to work together, and with other nations, in these perilous times for peace. This speech could be heard by the thousands of spectators around the square, and there was a good deal of weeping.

In spite of the weather, it was a stirring ceremony, conducted under the auspices and at the expense of the French Government, and a great tribute to that fine man, M. Blum.

In about two weeks, he is to be buried at his country place at Jouy-en-Josas. The whole performance lasted over two hours, at the end of which the rain-drenched crowd, many of them shivering with cold, dispersed.

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Monday, April 3, 1950.

I saw Morrill Cody this morning, [redacted] then went to call on Mr. Madéro, the Argentine Ambassador. He has taken over a royal suite at the Ritz where he transacts his business, which he says consists largely of answering telephone calls from his compatriots who want assistance in connection with their travel, business or hotel lodgings. As yet, he does not seem to be [redacted] happy, [redacted] and complains that beyond what he gathers from reading the morning newspapers he has had little opportunity to make contacts that would give him information about what is occurring [redacted] in France. Also that his Embassy is gravely understaffed.

We had M. and Mme Jouhaux, M. Botherot and Dick Eldridge for lunch. Of course the labor situation was discussed at considerable length, and I thought Jouhaux and Botherot were moderately optimistic about a fairly satisfactory solution being reached.

Ernest Breech, Executive Vice President of

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the Ford Motor Company of Detroit, came in and told me something of their local difficulties. Their previous manager had apparently been quite easy-going with the Communists, but their new one has taken a [redacted] strong line, and has fired a lot of Communist workers which has resulted in agitation and some violence at the plant.

Mr. Tuan, the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires, [redacted] a jolly, laughing fellow with no particular force, gave me an optimistic picture - colored considerably I imagine by wishful thinking - of the successes of the Nationalists in their air operations from Formosa.

Senator Durant-Reville, who speaks excellent English, called to say goodbye before going on his trip to the United States. I then saw Preston Grover and arrived home in time to attend a large reception there.

At 8.30 we went to supper at the Turkish Embassy, 17 rue Berton. This beautiful place was once the country house of Princess de Lamballe. [redacted]

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[redacted] The gardens formerly [redacted] extended all the way to the Seine through [redacted] they are now constricted by building developments, but are still beautiful, especially when flood-lighted as they were this evening. Before the elaborate supper, a hundred odd guests were congregated to hear two musical renditions, one of them given by an extraordinary pianist, aged eight. She played some of the most difficult pieces imaginable with great flourish and abounding success, and concluded with two pieces of her own which she had composed at the age of four. The other performer was a [redacted] good-looking Turkish violinist of fourteen. She played for about half an hour with [redacted] talent. Amongst her pieces, were four adaptations by Fritz Kreisler of classical themes.

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Tuesday, April 4, 1950.

A photographer arrived at the house this morning charged by our Press Attaché to follow me around all day and take pictures of how I occupy myself. After a short time, I managed to persuade him to go away with the expectation of coming back next week. Colonel Beebe, who has attended the Defense meetings at The Hague, came to see me and I found his report [redacted] interesting, in addition to which he is an attractive, conversationalist, [redacted]. We lunched with Clair Irish at 43 rue de Lille with Barry Bingham, Dolly Hoffman and Mrs. Bradish Johnson. Afterwards Red O'Hare and Graham Martin went with me to rue de La Boetie where we inspected the new office building which will eventually house the Service Attachés and MAP personnel. It has been recently repainted in bright colors and is now [redacted] different from the gloomy edifice [redacted] it formerly was. Then I went out to Orly with Averell to see him off to America. He is leaving for three weeks. There is a great deal of conjecture as to whether he will return to his position here for more than a short time, or whether the President will insist on

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his transferring to Washington. To my mind, he is the best informed man in Europe, American or otherwise, on international affairs. He has a deep knowledge of political, economic and social conditions, and a rare combination of good judgment and brilliant imagination. It is extraordinary that at the age of 57 or 58 he still looks like a movie star.

We returned late from the airport and I went to call on the daughter of Mr. C.T. Loo, my old Chinese friend who now lives mostly in New York. I have heard [redacted] he is going to give up his antique business and definitely retire. Unfortunately, his daughter was ill, but I was shown about the establishment. It is astonishing what a quantity of fine Oriental pieces are gathered together in the pagoda-like structure on rue de Courcelles. I bought a small lacquer screen for a coffee table.

To-night we went to dinner with Dennis and Eleanor Johnson. It was a [redacted] large company and I had a [redacted] talk with the Indian Ambassador, Malik, that singularly intelligent and charming man.

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Wednesday, April 5, 1950

I saw General Richards and Eddie Trueblood this morning, [redacted] then Admiral Conolly. This afternoon Mr. Gould of Pepsi-Cola, Senator Durand Reville, who is about to take a trip to the United States, and Prince Hussein Nassiar, the Minister of Jordan to France, came to call on me. Afterwards, I saw Jack McDermott, Chief of International Press and Publications Division of the State Department and Bill Humphreys of the Herald Tribune, before going to the American Legion's reception for Mr. Griffith, Assistant Secretary of Defense.

At the American Legion meeting, General de Lattre de Tassigny decorated Mr. Griffith with the Croix de Guerre and also Colonel Moran with the Legion of Honor. General Koenig and various other dignitaries were there and the champagne flowed easily. I had not proceeded up the Champs Elysées, but learned later to-night that a fresh attack was made by the Communists on the Figaro building in the course of which Bob Cleveland, who was taking his family home, was punched in the face and all the windows of his car broken.

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Thursday, April 6, 1950.

This morning M. Schuman sent M. Lesca, of the Protocol Office over to express his regrets for the attack on Cleveland. The latter, however, has suffered no real injury, and so far no attention has been called to the incident by the Parisian newspapers.

This morning I saw Mr. Blancke, who is going out as Consul to Hanoi. Afterwards Jo Davidson and his wife brought in Miss Helen Keller, the famous deaf, dumb and blind figure. She is absolutely extraordinary, [redacted] lively and gay. By putting her fingers on one's lips, she carries on a conversation with the utmost ease provided one speaks slowly. She seems to be able to form an impression of one's appearance by passing her hands over the head and face. She is [redacted] enthusiastic about the beauty of Paris which she knows by description, and is able to identify in the most amazing detail - for instance, what can be seen from the Embassy windows.

We lunched with the Parsons, who had Irene Dunne -

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the movie star - her husband and daughter, Marcel Achard, and others.

This afternoon, I saw M. Baraduc, who is leaving the Foreign Office to become Secretary General on General Juin's staff. He is a fine fellow and I am sorry to know [redacted] he is leaving here, but expect shortly to see him in Morocco. Dr. John G. Fisher, with a letter of introduction from Admiral Leahy, came to call on me with a view to resuming his medical practice [redacted] at Cannes. Mr. and Mrs. William Hunneman of Philadelphia, introduced by Tom McKoy, called on me, and afterwards Harold Callender.

Tom Blaisdell telephoned me from Washington about sending a man from the Department of Commerce to help on East-West trade questions. Adrian Pelt, a Hollander and head of the U.N. Commission for Libya, had a long talk with me. He and I had flown the Atlantic together from Lisbon in 1941 but I had not seen him since.

I made a rapid swing at lunch time through three

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antique shops, and got a [redacted] fine pair of Louis XV andirons, for [redacted] the Pavillon, of Zeus and Hera in bronze doré.

We had a dinner to-night for Walter and Tatty Bell. Tatty is the daughter of General ~~Spaatz~~ and worked for me for a while as secretary in OSS. Walter had been in the British Secret Intelligence Service. There were a lot of other people, including the Victor de Lesseps.

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Friday, April 7, 1950

(Good Friday)

E. went to church, and I [redacted] to the office where, amongst other people, I saw Art Stevens, the executive director of George Perkins. We discussed what form an organization ought to take to carry out Foreign Economic Aid activities after the termination of the Marshall Plan.

We went to Versailles for the afternoon and had a long walk in the Park where the "boys", to their own great surprise, flushed three pheasants.

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Saturday, April 8, 1950.

M. Parodi called me last night and I went over to see him at eleven o'clock this morning. He wanted to say that the Agenda set for the Conference of Foreign Ministers in London was satisfactory to his Government with several minor exceptions, but [redacted] one fairly important major one. The French do not like the use of the words "cold war", and he suggested [redacted] they be eliminated and some such phrase as "present international situation" be substituted. I talked to him about Indo-china, and suggested that his Government consider making an authoritative statement as to the [redacted] meaning of the grants of independence embodied in the March 8th Accords and supplemental instruments. I also talked to him about Law 75 which concerns the future treatment of the Ruhr.

André Philip, who has often lectured in America and who is one of the Socialist leaders, has been fired up all this week about the difficulties his daughter has

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[illegible] in obtaining a visa to go over on a Fulbright scholarship exchange. He called me the other night at home, and after the Embassy had waived some of its regulations the visa was issued, but he has been [illegible] unreasonable and ill-tempered about the matter.

We took the children out to Versailles this afternoon, and when I returned David Schoenbrun came to see me to talk about the probability that the French Government will immediately advocate an enlargement of the present Atlantic Pact organization so that there may be a permanent body competent to deal with matters of a political and economic nature rather than simply relying upon brief and infrequent meetings of the Foreign Ministers.

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Sunday, April 9, 1950.

We went to Easter service at the American Cathedral. It was a beautiful ceremony with an attendance of about 350, representing the largest number to meet [redacted] in the church since before the last war. Sasha came in from her Sunday School class, and sat with some other little children, looking quite frightened and bewildered.

We went after lunch to the Louvre where, in addition to the Egyptian galleries, we saw the furniture displays. I thought that although the quality of the furniture was high it was a disappointing exhibition since there was little variety.

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Monday, April 10, 1950.

This morning we drove out to Marly to see Madame Aboyneau, whose husband is in the Foreign Office. She has taken up professional gardening in a big way and has fine greenhouses. She has fixed for her residential use the Orangerie which formed part of the property of her mother, whose chateau is now inhabited by Madame Aboyneau's sister. This Orangerie is a fascinating building. Opposite the church, on the Place Victorien Sardou, there is a magnificent iron gate, and Sardou had transported there six huge cement sphinxes which he [redacted] bought at a Paris exhibition in the eighties.

After lunch, I went to the office and read telegrams before going with E. to see Countess Greffuhle at 8 rue d'Astorg. The old lady - dashing along in her nineties - is as gay as ever. She is now engaged in a correspondence with John D. Rockefeller Jr. about buying her Houdon bust, although he has, I gathered, disclaimed any interest in

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so doing. She has recently founded a Library in Geneva and is now turning her attention once more to France. She was dressed in the most extraordinary manner, with her red dyed hair emerging from under an old-fashioned bonnet, tied under her chin with a black ribbon. Cascades of lace flowed over her body, and her feet were in snow shoes, which is not a bad idea, since her huge house is completely unheated and, for the most part, unfurnished. The ceiling of the entrance hall is threatening to tumble in, being temporarily held up with scaffolding.

Ethel Garrett arrived to-night from Dublin to spend most of the week.

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Tuesday, April 11, 1950.

Staff meeting this morning and I had a badly needed haircut before going to lunch at home, where we had the Harvey Firestones Jr., Miss Elizabeth Firestone, Mrs. Despina Messinesi, Mr. Arthur Stevens, Mrs. Henry Field, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore White, Mrs. Eveline Blewett, Mr. Boris Shishkin, Mr. Clair Irish, Mrs. Albert Lasker, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Mr. Seth Crawford, Mrs. George Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ridder, Mr. Grinnell, Turner Cameron, and Pierre Groult, the [redacted] pleasant son of the owner of the famous picture collection on [redacted] Avenue Foch.

Red O'Hare and I had a talk about the traffic which probably takes place in French decorations. Most of the pressure comes from Americans, many of them associated with the American Legion or business and professional men [redacted] here, who in one way or another get themselves decorated by the French Government for distinguished services. This has gone on perennially, but it is amazing to what

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lengths some of the aspirants go in trying to influence French officials to hand them out a red ribbon.

In the course of the afternoon, Alan Scaife came to see me and we had a long talk. He and Sarah have been in South Africa, East Africa and elsewhere, including Kuwait, where he went to inspect the Gulf Oil properties.

After a [redacted] hectic day E. and I had dinner late to-night at Prunier's.

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Wednesday, April 12, 1950.

This morning I said goodbye to Norris Chipman, who is leaving at the end of the week and will be later transferred to Rome. I also had a talk with Bill Tyler regarding the excitement [redacted] generated locally by the activities of the International Refugee Committee, of which Evangeline is some sort of sponsor. It seems [redacted] there is a fierce contention going on in the Paris Committee as to whether funds raised at bridge parties (one of which took place at the Residence), and dances are being used for the purposes described in the Committee's circular. There have been a raft of telephone calls to the Residence on the subject, and one irate old princess has claimed [redacted] it is a fraud designed to funnel charitable money to Socialist Parties in Europe. Eva Jolis has leaped into the fray and there is to be a meeting at the Embassy to-morrow to try to get to the bottom of the matter. However, the women concerned are engaged in such a violent difference of opinion

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it will be difficult to ascertain the real facts.

We went this morning to the Mairie of the 16th Arrondissement where E and I were witnesses for the wedding of Howard Railey and Sue Rosenberg, - the only other persons there were the Railey boys. The Mayor made the usual eloquent remarks on matrimony, and thereafter we had a reception at the Residence for the bridal couple. There were a couple of hundred people and much festivity.

I saw Eugene Williams this afternoon, a friend of Stuart Symington, from St. Louis. He is here with his wife and child and is coming to lunch with us on Saturday. Since his boat has been delayed a day, the Ritz cannot prolong his accommodations for another 24 hours as it is completely booked up. He was therefore in rather a panic, but I called up Mr. Auriello, the Manager of the Ritz, who will arrange somehow to have them stay on.

Countess de Pierrefeu who is said to be highly erratic on her pet subject, told me of her plan for

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daily prayers for peace which she hopes to have made on a worldwide basis in houses of worship of all denominations. Russell Hill came to see me to develop some ideas he has about the strengthening of the North Atlantic Treaty organization to embrace a wider field than the military. Paris newspapers are filled with speculations on this subject. Boris Shishkin came over to discuss how surplus European populations might be wettled in various overseas areas, and also to tell me of a suggestion [redacted] that the American Labor Unions send a hundred prominent labor leaders to France to fan out in small teams over the country and spread knowledge to the French workmen of American Union organization methods. Payments for such trips would be made out of ECA counterpart funds. Boris is opposed to this idea and I fully share his ideas as to the dangers inherent in it. Nothing would be better calculated to give the Communists another talking point about dictatorial American methods.

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Harold Callender came in and embarked on more or less the same lines of conversation as had Russell Hill.

We had a dinner at the Residence to-night and the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Scaife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bacon, Prince Igor Troubetzkoi, Mrs. James Forrestal, Mrs. George Garrett, Mr. Grant Forbes, Captain Edward Molyneux and Miss Helen Kirkpatrick.

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Thursday, April 13, 1950.

David Schoenbrun called on me this morning in connection with the conversation I had with him on Saturday night. The strengthening of the North Atlantic Pact has now become the favorite topic of journalists. David has been consulted about it by top members of the French Government, and finds himself in the somewhat unhappy position, as a broadcaster, of having other commentators in a position to express themselves freely, while he must remain silent because of the confidential nature of the discussions had with him.

We had lunch with Arthur and Mrs. Sachs at their new house at 33 rue de l'Université. It is one of the most charming homes imaginable, between a court and garden, and an exceptionally fine example of 18th century architecture. Their furniture is beautiful, the pictures and tapestries superb. Like his brother Paul, Director of the Fogg Museum at

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Cambridge, Mass., he retired from investment banking many years ago and has since applied himself to study, especially of Art. The result must be very gratifying to him because, apart from the paintings which he first gathered together - most of them 16th and 17th century French and Italian - he now has a very fine small lot of Renoirs, Monets, Degas and Picassos. All Picasso's paintings and drawings that he owns were done prior to 1907. Diane Tate, the Bunny Carters and some French people were there.

This afternoon, Mr. Winfield, whose rather grotesque painting on gesso and masonite board of a scene in the post-atomic age representing disturbed human bodies and huge insects I had bought for fifteen thousand francs at the exhibition of American Artists some weeks ago, came to deliver his pictures. He is a young man of about 25 from New Jersey, whose speciality is painting miniatures, but occasionally he rakes up a scheme for some larger work, like the present one, out of his sub-conscious.

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Diego Suarez came to say goodbye. Evie and he are leaving on Sunday, and he is returning to his job representing Colombia at the United Nations. As that gives him several months of leisure during the year, he now proposes - if he can find a suitable apartment - that they take a flat in Paris. He is [redacted] intelligent, and would be a great addition to social life here. Mr. Jake Hamon of Dallas, Texas, with a letter of introduction from Senator Connally, came to see me - an extremely nice man he is. This is his wife's first trip to Paris and he says [redacted] most of it has been spent at dressmakers' - a husband's fate with which we are all somewhat familiar. Harold Callender came in with a question about the military arms program. The unloading of the first cargo by the American Importer took place quietly at Cherbourg this morning. There were no untoward incidents, and the longshoremen reported to work in spite of all of the Communist fulminations against their doing so. Pleven went up and made a speech/[redacted] but I had been told not to

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go since my presence there might have seemed provocative and imperialistic. Selden Chapin, Ambassador to Holland, came to see me and we talked about matters of mutual interest.

At 6.30 I went to call on M. Schuman and had a discussion with him about Law 75 on Germany. He declared it would be impossible for him to follow American poli[illegible] on this subject. We had our customary little talk on Indochina, and I urged upon him the necessity of as quickly as possible transferring jurisdiction over its affairs out of the Ministry of Overseas Territories. He is fully in accord on this point, but has encountered cabinet difficulties in connection with effecting such a transfer. Upon my return to the office, we set up a telecommunications conference with Jack McCloy in Bonn to report to him my conversation with M. Schuman. After various transmittal difficulties we at last got through, but meanwhile I had talked to Jack on the telepho[illegible]. I arrived home [redacted] late where we had 26 people to dinner: Mr. and Mrs. William Patten,

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Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Torres-Bodet, Mr. Royall Tyler, Mrs. George Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Guido Colonna, Duc de Doudeauville, M. Georges Salles, M. Jules Bertaut, Comtesse Gautier-Vignal, Comte and Comtesse Robert de Lesspps, M. and Mme George Kamir, Comte and Comtesse de Maud'huy, Baron and Baronne de la Grange.

The ancient Duc de Doudeauville, who was [redacted] in high good humor, said [redacted] it was the first time he had been at the American Embassy when he had not been introduced as the Duc de Deauville. This seemed to afford him a great deal of merriment.

Jules Bertaut, the Historian was there. I am presently engaged in reading his life of Balzac, and was perhaps incautious in telling him how interesting I found it, for with great generosity he promised to send me a package of his other works.

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Friday, April 14, 1950.

A distinguished doctor from Cleveland, Ohio, Edward Cushing, [redacted] an adviser on medical matters to the Veterans Administration, came to see me. He is [redacted] concerned about doing something to improve medical and surgical affairs in France and [redacted] enthusiastic over the plan we have in mind to develop the American Hospital to the point where it might become a model institution in Europe, and a focus for the dissemination of useful knowledge to European practitioners.

Loren Carroll called on me, [redacted] then David Schoenbrun, followed by Tom Robins, President of the Hewitt-Robins Company. I had a conversation with Irving Fasteau about the International Rescue Committee's work. The embattled ladies who form the Committee have, I hope, at last come to terms and ironed out their difficulties.

I had hardly arrived home when Mr. Harwood, who was born in the Philippines but [redacted] afterwards lived in Missouri, came to try to borrow money to go back to the

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United States. He missed his ship in Antwerp and it has departed with all his effects. He is fearful he will not arrive home in time to collect his pay since he is signed on the ship's crew. As I have frequent applications of this sort, I told him I could do nothing about it myself but referred him to a source where he should be able to get help. I rather have the impression he has a way to get home, but wondered whether he could not make a slight touch, although I may well be wronging him by this speculation.

The affair of Maurice Léon reared its head again to-day. I received a letter from Adrian Fisher saying he was causing a lot of trouble on behalf of his client Leo Cohen Olivar, and was again in effect accusing me of having prejudiced the French Government against his client. I am weary of Mr. Léon's sleazy methods and would deal with him in short order if I did not occupy a government position. His conduct has been, I think,

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in the highest degree unethical in regard to this case in almost every respect, and I only wish I were free to tell him so, and if he continues along his present provocative lines, to sue him for libel.

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Saturday, April 15, 1950.

I worked this morning on a cable to the Secretary telling him of the decision which Bidault has arrived at, and which he will pronounce tomorrow night at Lyons calling for a strengthening of the Atlantic Pact organization. The Prime Minister has grabbed this torch and is running with it as fast as he can.

We had a large luncheon to-day: the Thomas Robins from Buffalo; the Oscar Kilbys from Anniston, Alabama; the Jake Hamons from Dallas, Texas; Eugene Williams from St. Louis; the Reginald Taylors from New York, and others, including another one of my Princeton classmates, Arthur Terry, and his son.

Went out this afternoon and walked in the park at Versailles. At the same time, we employed an 83 year old gardener to put the garden into shape. He is an extraordinary old boy, hale and hearty, who has lived just outside La Lanterne for the past 30 years.

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Sunday, April 16, 1950.

Bunny Borgh-Henrikssen arrived this morning to stay. We lunched at Versailles with Audrey Djordjadze and Polly Howe.

I was in the Bois de Boulogne at three o'clock to throw out a baseball to open the game between the Embassy team, called the Ramblers, and a French team, called the Tigers. The Tigers were not [redacted] fierce, and in the soft ball game the Ramblers made twelve runs in the first inning. However, it was fun and there was a large crowd watching it, in beautiful weather.

Longchamps race track opened again to-day.

To-night the Bernard Carters came to dinner and we took them and Bunny Henrikssen to Henri Bernstein's revival of "Le Voyage". It was moderately amusing, but extremely well acted. Afterwards Mr. Bernstein had a little champagne and sandwich collation for us and the members of the cast. There were only five in the cast and I found them [redacted] attractive. [redacted]

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Jean-Pierre Aumont speaks English fluently and is a really fine actor. Simone Renant, who comes from Picardy, is an unusually attractive young woman.

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Monday, April 17, 1950.

I called this morning on the Peruvian Ambassador at his offices at 37 avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie.

At lunchtime I had the car drop me at the Place du Chatelet and took a long walk around the quais, with a quick lunch in a bistrot. After this, I went to an exhibition at the Orangerie of early Flemish art. It was almost entirely religious, with the exception of a handful of portraits, one of them a superb Durer.

Russell Smith, Vice President of the Bank of America, came in with Nelson Montfort to see me. Bob Stevens brought in his successor, Mr. Copeland, to call. Bob himself is going to be greatly missed here. He has been in charge of General Motors affairs in France since May 1945, and is a great favorite in this country, both with the French and his own compatriots. Theodore Eubel of CAA, Department of Commerce, came to see me as did Harold Callender. Afterwards Brose Chambers arrived to say we have had an offer from Guy de Rothschild to sell the United States Government

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the Talleyrand Palace for 250 million francs. The Harriman group will occupy it in any event until the middle of 1952, and both Averell and myself are [redacted] anxious to [redacted] our Government become the permanent owner. It would be a perfect balance to this chancery building, and it is in fine structural condition for a building so ancient. We paid, I believe, about a million and one-half dollars for the bare site of the chancery, and one million eight hundred thousand dollars for the Maurice de Rothschild house at 41 Faubourg Saint Honoré. In comparison the price of about $725,000.00 for what is probably the finest house in Paris seems [redacted] especially since the transaction would be effected in French francs derived from the sale of US surplus property. We will have to make recommendations to Washington, and it will be a difficult affair to handle because [redacted] if the French Government [redacted] wishes to intervene, it might conceivably condemn the property

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for its own uses. This would be a great pity since the French Government already possesses a larger number of fine private houses than it is able to keep properly restored.

To-night we had a reception at the Residence for about 150 people.

Anne Penfield arrived to-day from Prague, where Jim is Counselor, to stay with us.

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Tuesday, April 18, 1950.

Dave Williamson came in for a short time this morning and it was [redacted] pleasant to see him again.

I at last succeeded in paying Neuville's bill, which I had been vainly trying to extract from him for nine months. It is the best print shop I have ever [redacted] frequented.

I had lunch at the Residence with Jacques Soustelle, [redacted] one of de Gaulle's right hand men, [redacted] who during the war was for a time the official head of the Secret Service and Espionage organization. He thinks that after the next election, de Gaulle will have more seats in the National Assembly than any other party, and [redacted] he will be called in to head a Coalition government. Although in the past the General has said he would not be willing to come into any government unless he completely dominated it, there are indications [redacted] he has become somewhat "Coalition" minded.

Bert Jolis came in to see me this afternoon. He has recently returned from a trip to Equatorial Africa where

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he looked at the diamond properties in which he and his family are interested. He described the natives in Ubangi and the Gabon as living under the most primitive conditions, and quite incapable of any real measure of self-government.

Mr. Moreno, the Colombian Ambassador, [redacted] a friend of Diego Suarez, called on me. He is full of animation and seems intelligent. He endeared himself to me later in the day by sending me a huge bag of Colombian coffee.

Noel Armstrong of Greenwich, Connecticut, introduced by Senator McMahon, talked about French housing. He has retired from business and has been making a European tour. Dean Jay who has recently returned from New York also came in.

When I left the office, I went to a wine tasting at the George V. given by the Institut National des Appellations d'Origine des Vins et Eaux-de-Vie. I did not get there until a quarter to seven, and the ceremony had been under

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way since five o'clock. There were five hundred or more people [redacted] entrenched before large plates of cold meat and an array of ten wine glasses. I was given ten minutes in which to sample eight of these wines (Quincy 1949, Pouilly-Fuissé 1947, Graves Chateau Carbonnieux 1947, Médoc Chateau Cantemerle 1943, Romanée-Saint Vivant 1943, Vouvray Clos du Bourg 1947, Anjou Chateau de Fesles 1947, Sauterne Chateau Climens 1947) and then was put before a microphone to welcome the guests on behalf of the Diplomatic Corps, the only other member of which I saw there being Mr. Raphael, the Greek Ambassador. This I might say was quite an ordeal, for in rapid succession to pour down one's gullet these various wines left me rather staggered.

I was not feeling either hungry or thirsty when some 25 people came to dinner with us to-night. I think it was a particularly pleasant dinner and some of the guests lingered on until about 1.30 a.m. There were:

M. Marcel Achard, Mrs. James Penfield, Comte Kinsky,

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Madame Tvede, Baron and Baroness Alain de Rothschild, Comte Henri de Clermont-Tonnerre, Mrs. Charles Bohlen, Mr. Emilio Terry, Mrs. Bogh-Henrikssen, The Yugoslav Ambassador and Madame Ristic, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Lowman, Mr. Guerin de Beaumont, Honorable Mrs. Peter Rodd, M. Jean Cocteau, Countess Palffy, and Mr. Terry.

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Wednesday, April 19, 1950.

General Chaban-Delmas, a deputy at the National Assembly and also Mayor of Bordeaux, came to see me this morning. He is a friend of André Passy and had a good record in the Resistance. He is also an attractive young man. Politically he is a former de Gaullist, and now a dissident Radical Socialist.

Bert Jolis came in and we had a long talk about the International Rescue Committee.

Following that, I had a lunch for Mr. Smith and Mr. Nelson Monfort of the Bank of America. The other guests were: Mrs. Selden Chapin, Mrs. James Penfield, Mrs. Bogh-Henriksson, Mr. and Mrs. Lowman who are staying with us, Mr. Lamb[illegible]eth Harrison and Mr. H. John Kelly.

This afternoon two TWA officials who had flown up from Cairo with a portrait of Mr. Caffery by Serge Ivanoff came and presented it and we were photographed. I thought the portrait excellent and it is being hung

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in the Reception Room.

David Williamson paid me a call and we had a long talk.

Sir Keith Murdoch, an Australian and owner of the Melbourne Herald, called and was most informative. He has been in Singapore lately, and was interesting on the subject of Malcolm McDonald's impressions about the possibility of holding East Asia against Communism. The basis for McDonald's hopes is increased assistance by the United States to the resistant forces in that area.

Gilbert Rémy talked to me about the difficulties into which he has recently fallen by sponsoring a movement to release Pétain, and in effect to declare that [redacted] Pétain's intentions during the period in which he governed France were inspired by pure patriotism and [redacted] designed to be helpful to the Allies. DeGaulle has disowned Rémy's article on this subject, but has not broken off relations with him personally. Instead of dropping his activities,

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Gilbert intends to continue them with some documentary support. He says [redacted] he is now completely divorced from politics and has resumed his vocation as a poet, fighting for human justice. Rémy has a transparently fine character and is full of imagination, but his judgment is so tinctured with romance and idealism that on this occasion at least I think it has proved [redacted] lamentable, although the release of Pétain from prison - he is now 95 - may, in my opinon, be desirable.

Geoffrey Parsons came in to introduce Buell Weare, the new publisher of the Herald-Tribune. Weare seems an [redacted] nice fellow and I am looking forward to seeing more of him.

The Prefect of Toulouse called to invite me to attend a festival there in June, but as the date seemed impossible from my standpoint I put it off until October, at which time I trust I shall be able to visit Bordeaux, Toulouse, Carcossonne, and other places of interest in

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the south.

William and Barbara Kayser called on me. He is making a trip through Europe as a reporter for the Baltimore Sun and is particularly concerned over doing some articles on military strength in Western Europe.

I read in the paper this morning that Jim had resigned as Director of MDAP, but have heard nothing from him on the subject.

Davie Schoenbrun came in to-night to talk to me further about developments regarding M. Bidault's pronouncement in favor of a High Atlantic Council.

I got home late and had a drink with the Lowmans just before they went out for dinner.

In the last couple of days I have received seventeen hundred superb Bordeaux and Burgundry red wines from Nicolas which I am [redacted] glad to have in the cellar. Unfortunately, it is the last [redacted] they can spare me. I have also received a handsome varnished oak barrel,

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containing an assortment of old wines from a merchant here in Paris who has a large export business to the United States.

Chip returned this afternoon from the United States, and we had a talk to-night about the situation there, and the preparations for the forthcoming Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in London. Viewed from here, the attacks on Dean Acheson, entirely apart [redacted] from the injustice of them, are having an unhappy effect upon the prestige of the United States abroad, and the whole affair is sordid to the highest degree. It also displays a sense of congressional irresponsibility and reflects great discredit on us as a nation. Even if McCarthy finally digs up something reprehensible about somebody who has been at sometime in some way associated with the State Department, it would have been infinitely better not to have tried to muddy other people's reputations in the process.

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Thursday, April 20,1950.

The Turkish Ambassador came to see me this morning, [redacted] interested in the Bidault speech on the High Atlantic Council. He thinks there should be an immediate peace treaty with Germany, and [redacted] Germany should somehow be integrated into a North Atlantic organization.

I went to the American Club for its farewell lunch to Bob Stevens who is to occupy a high position with General Motors at home. Several members, including myself, made laudatory speeches, every word of which he deserved.

John and Pat Virden and the McWilliams came to see me this afternoon, and I am delighted [redacted] they are here in Paris. Ted White called to ask a few snappy questions about the Bidault speech. Then M. Daridan of the French Embassy in Washington who seems an alert young

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man. [redacted] Sarah and Alan Scaife came to say goodbye. They are leaving to-morrow. I saw M. Jean Freycinet, the ship owner who is also the publisher of a newspaper at Marseille. He is [redacted] indignant against the law passed about the time of the Liberation which succeeded in effect in turning over to the Communists the majority of the newspapers of the country. Harold Callender came in as well as Loren Carroll. Finally Winthrop Aldrich called to talk about Point 4, as well as regarding the scheme proposed months ago by which he was to form a group of interested American banking firms to cooperate with a group of French banking firms in the development of French overseas territories. He has struck a snag in the Department of Justice, which has been dallying with the matter for a long time and has not yet given clearance from the anti-trust standpoint; this [redacted] is [redacted] regrettable but not artificial

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We had a dinner this evening for Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Aldrich. The other guests were: M. Maurice Petsche, M. Georges Villiers, M. Pierre Boulanger, M. and Mme Marcel Boussac, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jolis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Bolton, M and Mme Emmanuel Monick of the Banque des Pays Bas, M. and Mme Emile Minost, of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Mrs. Goggeshall Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Lowman and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Armour Jr.

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Friday, April 21, 1950.

We cancelled our trip to Morocco, due [redacted] to take place this morning, as a result of the necessity of making preparations [redacted] for the Foreign Ministers meeting. Mr. Tobin, one of the labor experts in the State Department, talked to me this morning about the resettlement of surplus populations and various other labor matters. I went over to lunch with Jean Monnet, and had a long conversation with him in regard to possible ways of strengthening the Atlantic Treaty organization and of extending its activities into the political and economic fields.

To-night I went to see M. Bidault at his invitation, and he talked to me about his concept of a High Atlantic Council for Peace, [redacted] I embodied his views in the following telegram sent to-night to the Department:

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Saturday, April 22, 1950.

Mishel George, of the Department of Commerce, came to see me this morning and talked about export controls. I had a lunch at Versailles for the Lowmans, the John Virdens and the McWilliams, the latter two couples being from Cleveland. It is wonderful having the Lowmans staying in the house. No pair could be more attractive and agreeable than they are. I read all afternoon, and late to-night, [redacted] various papers which must amount to at least a thousand pages [redacted] sent over from the Department of State in connection with the Foreign Ministers' conference. They are well written and well prepared, and perhaps serve a useful purpose as a background for the formulation of policy. I also wrote to-night two cables expressing personal views about the constitution of a high level survey committee to define the problems and the objectives and how to reach these objectives of the Atlantic community of nations.

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Copy of telegram sent to Department on April 22,1950

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Bidault sent for me last night. He had returned yesterday from the South of France where he has been since he proposed at Lyon the establishment of a High Atlantic Council for Peace. He said that he wanted to explain to me the reasoning which had lead to its delivery. He stated:

1) that he used this occasion to launch an idea that might stimulate fruitful discussion of the problems that confront the Western world. He has been conscious of a deepening sense of apprehension and discouragement amongst the continental peoples in the face of Soviet pressures in the cold war. The Unification of Europe within practicable limits of which he is an ardent supporter and which he intends to continue to advocate does not seem feasible within a short period of time and it is therefore necessary, in addition to spurring on the continental nations to greater mutual effort, to supplement such endeavors by a more dramatic approach. He feels that the British will not wholeheartedly join in any program in which the U.S. is not a partner. However, France is in the difficult position of not being able to live with England or without her.

2) The British and continental Foreign Ministers are so distracted and their time so engrossed, in addition to their regular duties, in going from conference to conference of the various bodies such as the OEEC, the Brussels Pact organization, the Council of Europe, the NAT, that they cannot themselves be expected to give the continuity necessary constantly to study, suggest and supervise the implementation of policies designed to take advantage of all the capacities inherent in the Western world to win a cold war. This is one of the reasons why he proposed the establishment of a small group of select men who will address themselves uninterruptedly to such questions.

3) He has no plan spelled out in the way of composition or terms of reference and so forth for such a body. He and Schuman however are in complete agreement about the desirability of something of this sort being done and a detailed program is being drafted in the Foreign Office which will be presented to Mr. Acheson when he comes to Paris as a suggestion from the French and as a basis of discussion. Bidault does not at present know whether this will suggest setting up a new body or giving greater efficiency to the existing NAT organization.

4) He considers that there are two points of capital importance: 1) that the interests of Great Britain be integrated more closely with those of the other Atlantic Treaty powers, and 2) that Germany be associated as closely as is practicable with the interests of other European nations. Regarding the second point, he assumes at the present time that it would be neither desirable nor certainly from the French standpoint politically possible to have Germany become a member of the NAT organization entirely aside from the juridical questions involved as to whether in the absence of a peace treaty Germany would be eligible

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for such membership. He believes that a rearmament of Germany at present would provoke the Russians to war. If weapons become more plentiful and it seems safe to rearm the Germans, that is a matter which can be considered at a later date. At the present time there are not enough arms to equip the present members of the NAT. He is not one who would say that Germany should never be rearmed. Long ago he learned never to say "never". But that Germany should become a member of the Council of Europe and play her full part therein is one of his strongest desires. Moreover, he would welcome any steps which would bring Germany and France together in closer economic, political and cultural ties. He realizes the difficulties of a full liberalization of trade and of exchange in Europe but thinks and hopes that the Germands and the French may be able to work out something along these lines if they do not meet with too much obstruction from the British. He says that he knows Adenauer well and considers him one of Germany's most valuable men. But perhaps on account of his age Adenauer is somewhat inclined to try to hurry matters to a conclusion and to crash through his obstacles instead of avoiding them. Further thought must be given as to how Germany can be integrated in the North Atlantic effort.

5) In short, his trial balloon was an effort to call the attention of his people to the possibility, provided that it met with the favor of his country's partners, of giving efficacity to the Atlantic Treaty concept.

6) Since his speech at Lyon, he has not had an opportunity to judge what the reaction at home and aborad has been to his proposal. He does not wish it to be in any way embarrassing to the governments of either Great Britain or the U.S. He was careful to explain several times that he is not committed to any course of action in regard to it. He recognizes its vagueness but hopes it can be made sufficiently concrete and detailed so that it will at least attract the serious consideration of Messrs. Acheson and Bevin. The French Government will have no pride of authorship in whatever it proposes and will not be prejudiced against any propositions that may be brought forward on this subject by the other two nations.

7) M. Bidault looked very refreshed by his short vacation and although he anticipates numbers of difficulties with the Parliament which reconvenes next week he does not fear an overturn of his government and thinks that France is fundamentally in excellent shape and will be able satisfactorily to solve its immediate economic and social problems. The same is not true of its military commitments the proposed expense of which gravely disturbs him.

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Sunday, April 23, 1950.

I came to the office this morning, read cables and then went to the Elie de Talleyrands' for lunch. They have a beautiful house at St. Brice which I had visited 25 years ago when it belonged to Edith Wharton. It was built in the time of Louis XVI by a rich financier for his girl friend, a dancer named Mlle Colonne, who with her sister were favorite models of Fragonard. The Talleyrands have a remarkable collection of drawings, furniture and bibelots of various descriptions and have great taste. The gardens are large and magnificent, which one does not anticipate on entering the house, with its uninteresting back facade directly on a village street. Lela de Talleyrand's sister Audrey, Polly Howe, Dimitri, the Hans Czernins and others were there. Upon returning, I spent the rest of the afternoon reading more State Department papers, and completed them just before dinner, which the Bohlens and the Lowmans had with us.

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Monday, April 24, 1950

Mr. Frank Kuehl, previously of Wisconsin, [redacted] now associated with the RFC, came to see me with a letter of introduction from Bob La Follette. I enjoyed [redacted] talking to him. This afternoon, Mr. Raphael, the Greek Ambassador, called to discuss with me the embarrassment in which he has been plunged by the activies of Mrs. Grady, wife of our Ambassador in Greece in sponsoring through a committee, of which Mary Bingham is a member, a Greek dress show in Paris to take place in June. He has recently been beseiged by Communists on three different occasions when he was to make addresses before French societies, and he believes [redacted] this show might touch off another demonstration. [redacted] Because of Mrs. Grady, he does not want to oppose it openly, and asked me to have a talk about it with Mrs. Bingham, which I shall do. Harold Callender came to see me, and I spent most of the rest of the day working with Chip and Jamie on a cable to the Department in connection with the Bidault proposal for a High Atlantic Council for Peace. Tonight, I went to a

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movie given at the 41 Fbg St. Honoré Theater. It was a [redacted] production in technicolor - or its equivalent - of the Battle of Berlin. I left after two hours of it, as it still had over another hour to run. It was [redacted] interesting Russian propaganda and some of the scenes were excellent, especially those toward the end of Hitler's life, which depicted him, [redacted] Eva Braun, and [redacted] appealing police dog being administered poison.

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Tuesday, April 25,1950.

This was a [redacted] quiet day, comparatively, since I had made no appointments, expecting to finish off the cable on the Bidault proposal, which was finally accomplished.

E. and I lunched Chez Anna, and took the boys with us. Surrounded by cats, their eyes popping out of their heads with excitement, they had a wonderful time.

This evening, I read Foster Dulles' new book which provides an interesting background on our recent foreign policies and the situation in regard to Russia.

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Wednesday, April 26, 1950

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I went this morning with Messrs Martin and Jacobs to look at a house at 7 rue Dufrenoy which belongs to an Egyptian. It is under consideration for purchase by FBO and would suit admirably a couple with one child. It is comparatively new and modern and [redacted] in excellent condition. The price asked is 16 million francs, or about $46,000. This seems high in relation to the size of the house, but due to the residential congestion in Paris everything is high.

Mr. Robert Allen Griffin, [redacted] head of the State Department mission that recently visited the Far East, came to see me this morning. He was a California publisher. [redacted] He is now on his way to London, and will be home next week to report to the Secretary. E and I had a quick lunch and went to see a couple of antique dealers to try to pick up some things for Versailles, but without success. I had a talk with General Richards this afternoon, and later went to see M. Parodi, who said [redacted] the Foreign Office had not been informed of our intention to send an ECA

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mission to Indo-China. He was also womewhat concerned by the fact that the King of Cambodia, in the course of a conversation with Mr. Landon of the State Department, had derived the impression that a visit by him to the United States would afford him an excellent opportunity to discuss conditions in his Kingdom with President Truman and Secretary Acheson. (As a preliminary thereto, the King wanted to send Mr. Truman an elephant.) The Quai d'Orsay takes a dim view of this project.

I had dinner tonight with Milton Katz. It was a stag affair in honor of Dr. Stikker, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, [redacted] President of OEEC, and its Political Conciliator. I found Dr. Stikker, whom I had not met before, [redacted] alert and [redacted] agreeable. He feels [redacted] the only solution of European problems is for the United States not only to participate more fully in discussions of them, but for the United States to force the European countries, as well as the United Kingdom, to follow [redacted] our general line of policy.

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Thursday, April 27, 1950

More talk this morning with Bob Blum about Indo-Chinese matters. The new Mexican Ambassador, Mr. Manero, came to call. He was formerly Minister of Public Health and was at one time Governor of Tabasco Province in Mexico. He was [redacted] genial, but will face some initial difficulty here as he speaks no French and [redacted] little English. I had lunch in the office, and later saw Mr. John Shepard, introduced by Mr. Tobin, Secretary of Labor. Paul Baerwald, [redacted] a fine old man, came in and we had an interesting talk. I had spoken last summer at the opening of the Paul Baerwald School at Versailles, [redacted] named in honor of his activities on behalf of Jewish charities, particularly the American Joint Distribution Committee. The charming Indian Ambassador, Mr. Malik, talked to me at length about the problem of the remaining French possessions in India, and its effect on the Indian attitude toward other Western European interests in South East Asia. William Wise, [redacted] just [redacted] replaced as publisher of the Paris Herald Tribune, discussed the

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possibility of bringing the collections from the American Wing in the Metropolitan Museum of Art to Paris this summer, and later of showing them in Rome. He says [redacted] Francis Taylor is greatly interested in this, and [redacted] willing to make them available. Preston Grover called, and afterward David Schoenbrun, bringing with him George Herman, a C.B.S. reporter [redacted] just arrived here after a long stay in the Far East.

We dined tonight at the Bonbrights' with the Dutch Ambassador and his wife, the Dean Jays and Turner Cameron. We had a marvelous Chateau Cheval Blanc 1918.

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Friday, April 28, 1950

It has rained, and there have been high winds almost continually for more than a week, with occasional snow and hail. Lowell Weicker came in this morning. He has been doing a survey of the West Berlin economic situation for Jack McCloy. Jean Monnet called to discuss Bidault's proposal for a High Atlantic Council for Peace, and his own idea of a Franco-German economic union. We had a lunch of 28 at the house and amongst other guests were the President's Aide, General Vaughan, who had arrived today on the Independence to stay a short time before the plane picks up the Pakistan Premier in London to take him to America. Averell stopped in this afternoon. He [redacted] arrived back yesterday from the U.S., [redacted] full of interesting ideas, reports and reflections. He is off again today to Brussels, I think, [redacted] then to Germany and to London and will return here the middle of the week. He looks remarkably well, although [redacted] I cannot fathom why, since he leads a [redacted] most wearing physical life, [redacted] I went by Jean Monnet's office to read some papers [redacted] he had on the revolutionary matter [redacted] we had discussed this morning, [redacted] then called on M. Parodi to discuss

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a [redacted] bothersome question about the importation of sugar into Morocco under conditions which seem to have resulted in a [redacted] discrimination against American traders there. I came back to the office, sent a cable on this subject, [redacted] then arrived [redacted] late at a reception [redacted] Captain Kauffman, the Acting Naval Officer on our MDAP, gave at the George V for a lot of French admirals. [redacted]

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Saturday, April 29, 1950

Bob Blum came to the office this morning, much disturbed over the Budget Bureau having cut down the appropriation for economic aid to Indochina to seven hundred thousand dollars. We got off a strong cable of protest on this point.

E and I lunched at Versailles with Duff and Diana Copper, Joe Alsop and Hoytie Wiborg.

I came back to the office and spent the afternoon working there.

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Sunday, April 30,1950.

Spent the morning at the office, and the afternoon reading Dr. Vannevar Bush's stimulating book "Modern Weapons and Free Men".

To-night Anna Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Laskar, the Gérards, Marie Louise Bousquet and Lowell Weicker came to dinner. We had, amongst other things, an excellent 1928 Cos d'Estournelle.

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Monday May 1,1950.

Ham Armstrong came to see me this morning and I had an interesting talk with him, particularly on Yugoslav affairs. Jim Gowen, President of the Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia, came in [redacted] with his lovely wife Sally. I took Ham Armstrong down to Versailles for lunch, this being [redacted] a public holiday, where Martha Slater joined us.

I came back to the office and saw Bill Humphreys. Afterwards Floyd Blair and Mr. Gerry of the National City Bank came in. Herbert Feis called. He is over here doing a special survey for the State Department.

This evening Sasha had her birthday party and all the children had great fun.

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Tuesday, May 2, 1950.

Mr. Cremin, the Irish Minister, paid a courtesy call on me this morning. He is friendly, [redacted] has a strong Irish brogue, [redacted] is a friend of George and Ethel Garrett.

Nat King, [redacted] recently arrived to take charge of East West Trade, came to see me. He is a [redacted] upstanding figure of a man from Texas. Afterwards, I went to lunch with E. at the Count de Rohan Chabot's house at 6 rue du Colonel Combes. M. de Rohan Chabot is a [redacted] delightful old gentleman who has written quite a few plays and various monographs, and his letters are especially graceful. His large and beautiful house is filled with various objets d'Art of the finest quality, especially his collection of Clouet drawings. I sat at lunch between Madame de Laboulaye, whose husband was once Ambassador to the United States, and the young Duchess de Rohan, whom I have not seen since I went to her house, [redacted] Josselin, in Brittany, with Trafford Klotz in August of 1944, while the Germans were still in that part of the country. She is a [redacted]

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attractive young woman and speaks perfect English.

This afternoon Mike Harris came to see me. He is down here for a few days from Sweden. Then John Stewart brought in a delegation from the Department of Agriculture, including Mr. Hutchinson, the Assistant Secretary.

I had a letter recently from Ed Earle, who is living and lecturing at All Souls College in Oxford, about his daughter who had been employed in OSR. She came to see me this afternoon to ask my advice about the possibility of taking examinations to enter the Foreign Service. She is 23 years old, [redacted] bell educated, and [redacted] personable.

Harold Callender called on me, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Warner. [redacted] Warner is Chief Editorial writer of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Then Ray Dickey came in. He is going home, returning to the practice of law, about June 15.

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Shortly after I got home, Jean Monnet arrived to continue the conversations we had been carrying on about the Bidault proposal for a High Atlantic Council and the continental coal and steel affair.

E. and I then went to a cocktail party given by Tish Baldridge, and upon leaving there proceeded to Neuilly where we had dinner with Alice and Julian Allen. I saw some old friends whom I had not run across for years, including Freddy King, and Jimmy Burden. The house, which they have just rented at 22 rue de la Ferme, is [redacted] attractive with a large garden. I tried to rent it myself, without success, about eighteen months ago. Julian has fine wines, and the chief one that [redacted] produced this evening was an Aloxe Corton 1934. I feel spoilt for one day, superb because at the Count de Rohan-Chabot's we had some Chateau Latour 1915, [redacted]

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Wednesday, May 3, 1950

Mr. Adnan Atassi, the Minister of Syria, paid me a courtesy call this morning. He launched forth on the difficulties between the Arab States and Israel, but I told him [redacted] this area did not fall within my competence. He seems a bright fellow and formerly was [redacted] Minister of Justice as well as a Deputy in Syria. He was in their Legation immediately after the Liberation of Paris for two years, and speaks French fluently.

Martin Herz, a new Second Secretary just assigned here, came to see me and afterwards Tomlinson, who is feeling so optimistic over the French financial situation for the next month that he actually intends to take a short vacation which is something unheard of for him.

We went to lunch at the British Embassy, - wonderful food and a mixture of British, Americans and French.

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Lady Harvey said [redacted] this house was bought from Duke of Wellington for the Pauline Bonaparte by the British Government about 1815. The silver and furniture were included in the purchase price. Recently the silver has been appraised as being worth more than the original [redacted] price of the whole property.

I had a conversation this afternoon with Bob Blum about Indochina, and afterward saw Mr. Dennis who had been with the Worthington Pump Company for many years and who now wants [redacted] a job in the Embassy. Gerald Miller and Jim Cross from Washington, both of whom had been in OSS, came [redacted] to see me. I talked to Mr. J. G. Corbitt of the Veterans Administration, and later with General Handy, General Kibler and General Richards. The next visitor was Admiral H.A. Flanigan who has a daughter, Mrs. Jones, here, married to the manager of Newsweek. Jim Hutchins of Chicago came in to give me a lot of news about Lester Armour

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and other [redacted] friends.

We had a reception at the house to-night and the guests were delighted to see Bing Crosby, [redacted] Leonard Lyons of the Herald Tribune, Jean Paul Aumont, the [redacted]-attractive French actor and his wife Maria Monte, the film star, Arthur Hornblower and his wife, Hildegarde, and other actors and writers who were there as well as a mixture representing, it seemed to me, every conceivable profession and business.

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Thursday, May 4, 1950.

I telephoned London this morning to talk about the delegation of naval officers, etc. who are coming over here to be with Mr. Acheson. Bill Tyler returned from Washington yesterday and I saw him. Nick Carter came in and told me of the activities of his textile interests which led him into a discussion of politics in North Carolina and Virginia. He has enlarged his plant at South Boston, Virginia, and says [redacted] it is one of the best in the country. It has certainly been a boon to my neighbors. Ham Armstrong called and we had a short further discussion of some of the points he [redacted] raised in previous conversations. Eugene Black, President of the World Bank, came in with his Public Relations representative, Drew Dudley. [redacted] Black [redacted] really is a [redacted] attractive fell w. I then went to see Averell to talk with him about a cable from London which covered conversations between Phil Jessup's group

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and the British about future co-

ordination of policy between the US and the UK. We found some of the implications of it disturbing.

Upon my return, I discussed this matter with Chip, and then went with E. for lunch with the Bidaults at the Hotel Matignon. The Prime Minister was in wonderful spirits, full of anecdotes, and dry wit.

Chip, Jamie and I had a long talk this afternoon, following which I saw Mr. Joel Claster and Mr. Goldberg who had a letter of introduction from Jim Bruce. Mr. Gabriel Haugge of Businessweek, a bright young fellow with a letter of introduction from Allen Dulles, called. Next were Preston Grover and Teddy White, who wanted me to ask the Secretary whether he would see the members of the American press during his visit to Paris. They were followed by Harold Callender with some interesting information as to what had taken place at the French cabinet meeting yesterday.

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At seven o'clock I went to the Cercle Interallié to receive presentation copies, one for myself and one for [redacted]l Clay, of the French translation of General Clay's book on Germany.

At 8.30 we had dinner with the Marquis and Marquise d'Amodio at 93 rue de l'Université. There were about forty people in this beautiful house, which has some of the finest furniture and pictures [redacted] I have ever seen in a private house, the great bulk of them being items inherited by her from the de la Rochefoucauld family.

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Friday, May 5, 1950.

Mr. Johnson and his secretary, Mr. Sleeper, came to see me this morning with a letter of introduction from the White House. He is the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Masonic Council and has been travelling around Europe.

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This afternoon I presented awards to about fifty members of the Embassy staff who had served in the State Department ten years or longer. The one [redacted] with the greatest length of service was Flo Palmer, with 34 years.

Joseph Gregg of UP paid me a visit and afterwards Leland King, [redacted] Fritz Larkins' deputy in FEO. [redacted] [redacted] about various projects in which his organization is engaged.

M. Edouard Escarra and M. Paul Jonas, President and Vice President respectively of the Crédit Lyonnais presented me with a [redacted] fine book [redacted] printed especially for that bank.

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Later I saw M. Pignon, French High Commissioner to Indochina, [redacted] then General Aumeran of the French Senate who had a message for Mr. Acheson.

Saturday, May 6, 1950.

My old friend, Nelson Slater, [redacted] just arrived here from Vienna, came to see me this morning and next the Turkish Ambassador to discuss extending Atlantic community participation to his country. I then called on Mr. Schuman and had a talk with him about the forthcoming meeting between himself and Dean Acheson.

At lunch time E and I went over to see Chochon's pictures. Edouard Molyneux has a lot of his views of Paris and I had been greatly attracted by them some months ago, but this is the first time there was an opportunity to visit [redacted] his studio. We bought four of them and then stopped in to see the publisher of "Verve," who lives in a wonderful old house, [redacted] said to have been once inhabited by the three Musketeers. He does superb publishing but because of the expensive manner in which he makes his colored reproductions the firm [redacted] is always on the verge of bankruptcy. It was a great pleasure seeing his work and we departed with

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pockets full of postcard[redacted] reproductions from [redacted] an old illuminated manuscript.

Bill Humphreys came to see me this afternoon about an article [redacted] he is writing on the Embassy for Collier's, and afterwards I had a long talk with Jean Monnet about the coal and steel pool.

To-night, quite a number of people came for cocktails, amongst them the Blackwells, Ed Fisher and his wife, and many friends whom I had not seen for a long time. During the process I sold a silk needlework rug to Polly Howe. It was a fine piece I had bought from Pontremoli in London, and was once in the Russian Imperial Collection.

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Sunday, May 7,1950.

We got up at seven o'clock this morning to be [redacted] at Orly at 8.30 to meet the Independence, [redacted] bringing Dean here. There was a TW airliner coming in this morning with the same serial numbers on it - a strange coincidence - as the Independence. A mistake was therefore made and Dean and his party did not arrive until 10.15.

We had conversations all day at the office, [redacted] went back home for lunch, and to-night [redacted] had a big dinner for [redacted] people who had congregated for the meeting. In the late afternoon, M. Schuman, accompanied by M. Clappier, came to the house and told Dean about the proposed Franco-German coal and steel pool.

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Monday, May 8, 1950.

At the Quai d'Orsay all day for the bi-partite conversations between Messrs. Acheson and Schuman. Everything went [redacted] well and the only interval was for a delicious lunch [redacted] M. Schuman gave in the middle of the day. I sat between M. Bidault and Edouard Bonnefous, President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the Chamber of Deputies.

To-night Dean and Alice, E and I, Senator John Cooper and Phil Jessup had dinner with the Bidaults, at the Hotel Matignon.

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Tuesday, May 9, 1950

preparing for a flight to London.

We were up at seven this morning after a few hour's sleep. Dean roused himself by mistake an hour earlier and had a walk before the rest of us were stirring. About 8:30 we were on the Independence with Sasha and David watching on the ground, goggle-eyed over being associated with so much general excitement. The Independence is a beautiful sleek silver craft with a blue nose. Inside, the fittings are [redacted] luxurious, with eagles on the back of the chairs in the President's cabin.

There was a flurry of photography at the London airport, and Dean made a short radio speech.

E. and I distributed ourselves separately - she with Virginia and Ashley at Albert Court and I at Claridge's. We lunched together at the Lady's Annex of Bucks Club, [redacted] then went shopping. The London antique stores are filled with goods - silver especially is for sale in great quantities and variety. We bought two tureens at Lumley's that will do for the table at the Embassy in Paris, and looked longingly at the china

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in Rochelle Thomas' but went away sorrowing at the high prices.

The hotel contains dozens of members of our delegation, some of them with wives attendant.

We dined tonight with Jim and Ashley - it was wonderful to see them.

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Wednesday May 10, 1950

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The announcement yesterday of the French plan for integrating France's coal and steel production with that of Germany, the offer being open to other nations as well, caused a great stir everywhere. It is a bold proposition, and is, to my mind, the most constructive thing done by the French Government since Liberation. If properly developed, adopted and activated it can have a vast influence on bringing about an atmosphere favorable to peace, aside from its almost revolutionary economic implications.

I attended the bilateral talks at the Foreign Office between Messrs. Bevin and Acheson; and took the lunch hour off to browse around in a couple of bookshops before returning to the Foreign Office.

Alice Acheson had a cocktail party this evening at the Embassy (14 Prince's Gate) and I saw a lot of old friends such as Betty Salisbury, Rex Benson, David Bowes-Lyon and others.

Tonight at the Pilgrim's Dinner at the Savoy, I sat between Lord Linlithgow, former Governor-General of India

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and the High Commissioner of India, who is a vegetarian.

Dean made a [redacted] fine speech. One of his introducers, [redacted] Bobbety Salisbury, [redacted] was singularly felicitous in what he said.

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Thursday, May 11, 1950.

The Tripartite Conference opened this morning in Lancaster House, next to St. James Palace. The first session passed off well, [redacted] then most of us went to lunch at Mr. Bevin's new [redacted] official residence at No.1 Carlton House Gardens. It was once Lord Northcliffe's house, and is admirably situated. Amongst the luncheon wines was a 1929 Cheval Blanc - superb. I sat between Anthony Eden and Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick - the latter is shortly going to replace General Brian Robertson as British High Commissioner in Germany.

At Lancaster House all afternoon, [redacted] then had a late dinner with E. at Bucks.

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Friday, May 12, 1950

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The third day of clear, sunny weather. My back is giving me considerable pain - perhaps it is from sleeping without a board; sometimes I think I should have had the operation [redacted] the medicos all suggested.

A good conference today. I lunched with Lew at the Embassy with M. Schuman and the French Ambassador Massigli.

E. and I went to a small tea Audrey Bouverie had at 4 Buckingham Place for the King and Queen. I had quite a talk with each of them and found them [redacted] agreeable - the Queen has pronounced charm. E. had been to a garden party at the Palace a couple of days ago, and the papers [redacted] said she was the best-dressed woman there, so we had [redacted] a lot of badinage from Audrey's friends about that. I saw David Niven and his lovely Swedish wife, Jimmy and Diana Sheean, Stewart Menzies and other friends.

Tonight we had dinner at the Douglases' - what a charming couple they are. Alice and Dean, the Harrimans, the Julius Holmes, the Perkins, Phil Jessup, Chip, the Warburgs, Mrs. Michaels, etc.

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Had an enjoyable nightcap with Marie and Averell, [redacted]

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More conference. Had lunch in the Embassy cafeteria with Phil Bonsal, Harry Labouisse and Bill Tyler. Lancaster House proceedings terminated this afternoon. On the whole, I think they have been successful and useful, especially if some of the decisions taken stimulate the Atlantic Council deliberations next week.

Went at 7:15 with E. to see "Venus Observed" by Christopher Fry at the St. James' Theatre. This Theatre had been owned by E's great-grandmother Miss Herbert who produced and acted there. Laurence Olivier had the leading part in Venus; the whole cast was excellent and the play itself a delight.

Afterwards we went to supper at Quaglino's where for four pounds we had smoked salmon, scrambled eggs and bacon and a good bottle of Zeltinger.

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Sunday, May 14, 1950

Gramps Slater came down to my room in Claridge's this morning for a cheery talk. E. arrived about eleven and we motored to Hatfield for lunch. Betty and Bobbity kindly took us through the house, and showed us its treasures. There was a fascinating document he lately discovered in the family accounts in which his ancestor Lord Burleigh notified Captain John Smith he was sending him twelve pounds sterling as an investment in the Virginia Company. The historical portraits are alone worth a visit here, and the library with its books, manuscripts and letters is almost unique.

David Cecil and his wife, the Oliver Lyttletons, the Anthony Heads, Joe Alsop, Jerry Koch de Gourgan, and others were there. After a delicious lunch we went down to the vineyard, a sixteenth century walled enclosure on the estate. The yews are gigantic, and the setting, with a river running through the little valley, perfection. No vines have existed in it for over three hundred years but Bobbity intends to restore it as a garden.

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We stopped to see Robert Cecil's house in the park, and his charming young wife showed us through it. It had belonged to Bobbity's great-aunt, and during the war, when she was [redacted] ill, they had kindly offered to let me have it for week-ends if she removed from it. This never took place, but I was curious to see it now, and found it enchanting. The Hatfield Park is superb, with its oaks [redacted] already aged in the time of Queen Elizabeth. They have preserved, with a ring fence around it, one colossal oak stump which Queen Elizabeth was said to have been under when [redacted] notified of her accession to the throne.

The Salisbury family has had a remarkable record of continuity of talent - three prime ministers amongst them, and Bobbity not the least remarkable of his line; England can well be proud of him, and Betty is a [redacted] staunch friend.

We got to Northolt through heavy Sunday traffic, and took off at 4:40 p.m. the only other passenger being John Utter. The weather again today was beautiful and we arrived at Orly at 6:15. We drove in via Versailles in order to see how the painting of the pavilion was progressing. E gathered great armfuls of lilacs from the

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bushes in the garden. The roads were jammed with holiday makers, and there was a pervasive atmosphere of happiness.

Arrived late this evening at Avenue d'Ièna.

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Monday, May 15, 1950.

Came to the office this morning and went through files of cables and mail before lunching on a platter.

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[redacted] Sargeant from the State Department, [redacted] heading the Unesco delegation which is to meet next week in Florence, came to see me this afternoon, and afterwards George Andrews, our new Consul at Strasbourg.

I went to 41 Faubourg Saint Honoré to visit the exhibition of work by American painters and sculptors. I must confess to a great disappointment in the quality [redacted] presented.

We had a dinner at the house to-night for Jamie Bonbright. To our intense regret, Sybil and he are leaving on Wednesday, and after a vacation he will take up his duties as deputy to George Perkins at the Department.

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Tuesday, May 16, 1950.

Harry Crocker, my old friend from California, who is staying for a few days with Elsie Mendl, called on me this morning. He and I were together in Paris and had a wonderful time about thirty years ago. I have seen him only infrequently since. He has altered [redacted] little in appearance and is as attractive as ever. He has written biographies [redacted] of Charlie Chaplin and William Randolph Hearst, both of whom he has known intimately, [redacted] which he some day expects to publish.

I had a talk with Donald Bloomingdale who tells me [redacted] his mother is now at the Saint Regis Hotel in New York with six or seven nurses and [redacted] little hope of recovery. It is a sad case.

John Stewart brought in four farm leaders who are making a trip through Europe - Messrs. Allan Kline, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, James Patton, President of the National Farmers Union, John Davis, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Farmers

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Cooperatives, and Mr. J. T. Sanders, Legislative Counsel of the National Grange, representing the President of the National Grange.

Harvey Buffalo came to say goodbye. He is going to Cairo to be Chief Administrative Officer there.

I slipped over to the Crillon for a haircut, and then had a snack at Prunier's Bar.

Tom Robins came in after lunch. He has established a small European office for his company in Paris.

Afterwards Bob Blum talked to me - he is leaving for Saigon via Washington to-night. The new Australian Ambassador, Keith Officer, came to pay a courtesy call. We have many mutual friends in Washington and elsewhere and I was happy to see him. M. Brunel, Prefect of the Yonne, invited me to a celebration there on July 2. I had to decline it but must send a substitute. Then I saw Harold Callender, and to-night we dined at the Netherlands Embassy, 85 rue de Grenelle. From there we

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went on to the Palais de Chaillot for the party given by the Foreign Press Association which is in process of formation. There were wonderful theatrical performances. Amongst others, Jean Sablon sang. Between the acts, President Auriol held a reception with champagne, and most of the diplomatic corps was there.

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Wednesday, May 17,1950.

We went to the station this morning to see Sibyl and Jamie Bonbright off, which was [redacted] sorrowful.

This afternoon, Harry Hill brought in Mr. Reed, President of the American Express Company. Afterwards I saw M. Pontet of J.S. Bache and Company. Then Mr. Andrews, from Raleigh, North Carolina, with a letter from Congressman Cooley, [redacted]. Finally there was Mr. Curtis in charge of foreign affairs of Coca-Cola, together with Mr. Makinsky.

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Thursday, May 18, 1950.

This is a French public holiday and the Embassy is closed. However, I had some [redacted] business this morning with Messrs. Walker and Cameron over a military armament matter.

I finished this afternoon Burnham's book on the Coming Defeat of Communism.

To-night we had a [redacted] dinner at the house, [redacted] the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Jolis, M and Mme Pajezy, Viscount Hood, Mr. and Mrs. McCullough Miller, Duc and Duchesse de Rohan, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bingham, Mr. Alan Jacobs, Prince and Princess Troubetzkoi and Princess Bibesco.

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Friday, May 19, 1950.

I went over this morning to sign an agreement between the American and French governments for the importation of nickel into the United States from New Caledonia. M. Schneiter, Minister of Health is Acting Foreign Minister in M. Schuman's absence, and after disposing of the nickel agreement we had a long talk about various matters.

There was a lunch at home for a numerous company including Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton Rice, Mrs. Halsey Malone, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, General and Mrs. Tate, Mr. Preston Grover, M. Paul Ruault, Deputy Prefect of Police, Colonel and Mme Jean Tillier, M. Philippe Barres, Mme Denise Tual, Mrs. Wainwright Abbott, Mrs. Pleydell-Bouverie and Mr. John Kelly.

Mr. Gallois, a Californian who is interested in an irrigation project in Morocco, came to tell me of the difficulties he has encountered. Our relationship with the French over Morocco is n at the present time a happy one.

Joseph Hynes called in connection with his plan for

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a great European publicity campaign to point out the benefits of the Marshall Plan. He has some interesting ideas, along other lines, of [redacted] propaganda against Communism.

Henry Bedford of Standard Oil of New Jersey came in. He is about to retire after decades of service with that company. I used to see quite a lot of him in London and at Lisbon during the war.

John Robinson, Dean Jay and Max Shoop talked about the difficulties [redacted] the American Hospital is encountering as a result of an Italian speculator having bought the house next to the hospital at Neuilly. He proposes to build a large apartment building which will make many of the rooms in the Hospital almost untenable because of traffic noise. They want me to see some of the Government officials in the hope of bringing about a satisfactory arrangement.

We had dinner to-night at the Binghams' at 17 rue Alfred Déhodencq.

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Saturday, May 20, 1950.

At the office in the morning, [redacted] then lunched at Versailles with Mr. and Mrs. Freddy King, Nancy Adare and the Chambers. Afterwards we had a [redacted] walk in the park.

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Sunday, May 21,1950.

We went out to Versailles for a picnic lunch to-day, and I got a lot of work done. I started to-day to revise my book for possible re-publication. Sumner Welles came to see us this afternoon, with his sister Mrs. Robbins, and we had an interesting talk. His health appears to be almost completely recovered, and his mind is keen and brilliant.

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Monday, May 22, 1950.

The annual Lafayette celebration in front of his statue in the square of the Carrousel commenced this morning at 10.30. There was a large band from the Garde Républicaine as well as a couple of hundred guards. I deposited the traditional wreath of flowers, [redacted] there was an [redacted] inspection of troops, playing of the Marseillaise and the Star Spangled Banner, and general hand-shaking. We then went to the Hotel Saint James & Albany for a vin d'honneur [redacted] held in that part of t[redacted] hotel which was once the private residence of Lafayette's in laws, the de Noailles family. Various people, including myself, made speeches on this occasion, [redacted]

After rapidly throwing off [redacted] my ceremonial clothes, I went to the Labor Attachés conference in the Hotel de Talleyrand. It was [redacted] interesting to hear the deliberations of this group, gathered from our diplomatic establishments in [redacted] all parts of Europe. I talked to them -

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I fear at considerable length - about the possibility in their field of making a great contribution to psychological welfare.

I arrived back at the office in time to be photographed with Mrs. Blewett and a dozen of the orphans whose trip to America is being sponsored by her organization. I then saw Mr. George A. Deuble, Chairman of the Board of the Peoples Bank of Canton, Ohio. He turned out to be a passionate stamp collector, and I gave him a packet of recently issued Luxemburg stamps to add to his store. Harold Callender called, [redacted] afterwards I addressed the [redacted] Economic Counselors from our various Embassies and Legations in Europe who are meeting in Paris this week. From there I went to see Jean Monnet, who is leaving to-night for Germany to take up his conversations there about the coal and steel integration between France and Germany. He is not discouraged by his recent visit to England, although he thinks there is no possibility

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of the UK joining France and Europe in [redacted] enterprise at this time. He will beback from Germany on Tuesday and [redacted] receive the Benelux people on Wednesday. The proposal continues to have enthusiastic support from American newspapers. The important thing is to press it vigorously now and not permit it to lose momentum. We had a large reception at the Embassy to-night attended, amongst others, by the Labor Attachés and the Economic Counselors, together with their families.

Late this evening Stacy Lloyd called me from Virginia and asked me to see a friend of his who has just arrived in Paris, and [redacted] is in the petroleum business.

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Tuesday, May 23, 1950.

The new Brazilian Ambassador came to see me this morning. He had formerly served in Chile, Turkey and Rumania, and as a young man in Paris. This afternoon Virgil Pinckley of the Los Angeles Mirror, who had been [redacted] for many years with the UP, talked with me. M. Boulanger, [redacted] head of the Citroen Company, gave me his usual views about the iniquities of the nationalized industries in France. He fully accepted the fact that this [redacted] was not the responsibility of the US Government. He is a [redacted] intelligent and able man and spent many years in the motor car industry at home.

Dr. Pal von Auer, formerly the Hungarian Minister in Paris and now [redacted] active in the Free Hungarian Committee, talked to me about [redacted] European problems.

At six o'clock, clad in a morning coat, I went to the Elysée Palace to meet the Queen of Holland and her consort. This was entirely for the men of the Diplomatic

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Corps. We were arrangedin a huge semi-circle and after being thoroughly photographed, passed rapidly before the royal couple. I had not seen him for years, - in fact, since meeting him at dinner at Pamela Churchill's during the war. He is [redacted] gay, and she is much better looking than her pictures indicate. At quarter pastten we returned to the Elysée for an evening party which the President was giving for them. The little theater stage was [redacted] enchanting, with an Ispahan rugg on the floor, a backdrop of tapestries, and all the furniture museum pieces, on which a group of actors played an 18th century comedy. Afterwards, a charming actress from the Comédie Française recited poetry and finally - to lend a modern touch - Noel Noel played the piano and sang songs. All of the high Government officials were there, and [redacted] member of beautiful women. I had a talk with Mr. Andvord, the Norwegian Ambassador, about Trgvye Lie's recent visit to Moscow. He said [redacted] Lie, who had stayed with him during

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his passage through Paris, had departed for Russia in a [redacted] gloomy mood but had returned feeling jubilant as to the [redacted] his trip having been successful, although in what particulars he was not in a position to specify.

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Wednesday, May 24, 1950.

This morning I saw Ed Barrett, Assistant Secretary for Information, and later the new Danish Ambassador made a courtesy call. Afterwards I had a conversation, first with Mr. Leonhart amd next with Mr. Springer, who are leaving to-night for Saigon, where they will take up their respective posts at the Legation.

We had a lunch to-day at the house.

Miss Eva Dahlgren of the Comité Américain de Secours Civil came to see me to discuss the problems of her organization, of which I am Honorary Chairman. Phillip Bankwitz with a letter of introduction from Charlie Codman talked to me at length about the biography of Marshal Weygand which he is writing. He seems a [redacted] bright young man and is a student of my friend Don McKay of Harvard. Ed Earle was over from Oxford, and told me about his plans to bring some Frenchmen to the Institute of Advanced Studies this autumn at Princeton. Mr. Tobin, in charge of Foreign

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Labor matters at the Department of State, was interesting, especially on the subject of proposed plans for assisting immigration from Europe. David E. Williams, a friend of Charlie Cheston, called on me.

At 8.30 we went to a gala at the Opera for the Dutch royalties. It was a wonderful sight with a [redacted] variety of uniforms and decorations, and the women wearing their best gowns and jewellery. President Auriol, M. Bidault, etc. arrived with the Dutch at the end of the first act and there was a great ovation. The Queen really looked [redacted] attractive and seemed touched at the warmth of her reception. Prince Bernhardt wore a fine red uniform with gold epaulettes spaced about three feet apart and all sorts of diamond clusters fixed on one portion or another of his person. Quantities of Gardes Républicaines were standing all over the Opera house and there was a lot of brandishing of swords. There was nothing but ballet, in the last of

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which, Serge Lifar, who is becoming somewhat old for such activity, played a really exhausting part. The ballet was the Knight Errant depicting imaginary scenes from the life of Don Quichotte. During one of the intervals, the Dutch and the President held a reception with champagne in the elaborate hall back of the stage, in the course of which I had a chance to talk to M. Schuman about [redacted] gave Lie's visit to Moscow, which he thinks did not accomplish anything [redacted] concrete. I lost one of my artificial pearl studs during the performance, but by a great stroke of luck the sweet Indian Ambassadress recovered it. When we left the Opera about one o'clock, the streets in front of it were absolutely thronged with people, and there was a huge mass of humanity banked up along the sidewalk of the Café de la Paix. All in all, a [redacted] warm welcome was given to [redacted] the visitors.

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Thursday, May 25, 1950.

I went to the American Club for lunch to-day to hear M. Teitgen, Minister of Information, speak. He is a [redacted] brilliant orator and acquitted himself admirably.

A group from the Bureau of the Budget called this afternoon and I had a [redacted] talk with them. Mr. Harold Jones, member of the Civil Aeronautics Board, and Mr. Deak, came in to discuss civil aviation problems in France. Harold and I used to work together in OSS and I had [redacted] not seen him for years. He had a fine record in the Marine Corps in both wars. Dr. Robert Borel of the International Committee for the Study of European Questions, called and wants some help for the expansion of his organization's activities. Phil Kaiser, Assistant Secretary of Labor, called on me. He is an [redacted] enterprising and attractive man. Arthur Brown, an architect from San Francisco, and an intimate friend of Billy Delano, visited me. He is about 75, but hale and hearty. He once studied at the Beaux Arts in Paris.

Dave Zellerbach told me that to his regret he was leaving

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as Chief of the ECA Mission in Italy on June 15th and going home to run Crown Zellerbach in California. He is delighted with his two years experience in government service, and says it has been the most interesting work he has ever done. Barry Bingham and Tomlinson talked to me about their ideas regarding the expansion of French exports to the dollar zone.

E and I who [redacted] asked to seven different receptions this afternoon. She had to go to some of them, but I devoted myself entirely to attending the first meeting of the Loge Américaine of B'nai B'rith at the Hotel Crillon. I made a long and I imagine pretty dreary speech.

We went to M. Schuman's to dinner to-night for the Dutch Royalties. It was a beautiful sight and an excellent meal at the Quai d'Orsay. The garden was illuminated and [redacted] enchanting.

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Friday, May 26, 1950.

Harlan Cleveland and Daniel Hopkinson of ECA came to see me this morning, then Doc Matthews who is on his way back to the Department after two years as Ambassador in Sweden. He is a fine man. Mr. King of FHO and Colonel Jacobs came in and we discussed our various buildings in Paris. I had a sandwich in the office, and shortly afterwards Jean Monnet called and gave me the latest information on recent developments in connection with the Schuman proposal for pooling iron and steel production. Mr. Cunningham, a friend of Peurifoy, and Leslie Biffle, Secretary of the Senate, called this afternoon to discuss the possibility of a government job for Cunningham. Teddy White was another visitor, and was followed by Harvey Williams of H. J. Heinz & Company, Maynard Barnes, formerly of the State Department and now with the Free Europe Movement, and Loren Carroll.

I have had stacks of letters as usual from friends and acquaintances introducing literally hundreds of our

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compatriots who are passing through Paris. I received one from a Senator this morning advising me of the advent here of a young constituent of whom he says

"If there is any nice unmarried man on your staff, I wish you would see that Nancy Marshall meets him. She graduated from college a year ago and is a charming girl. I would so like to have her have someone to play around with in Paris."

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Saturday, May 27, 1950.

E, I, and Brucie left this morning by car and lunched with Gilbert and Edith Rémy at Le Moulin de Villez, Villez-Champ Dominel, par Damville (Eure). They have a charming little mill there. He spends about two days a week in Paris and the rest in the country writing his memoirs, which are almost completed. He is still engaged in trying to obtain Marshal Pétain's pardon. Having once been condemned to death by the Marshal, his present advocacy is at least a tribute to his magnanimity of feeling. We had a delightful time with them and their charming children, then motored on to Jean Caraman Chimay's place near Dieppe, which also is a mill situated on the banks of the river Varenne. Jacqueline and Jean had been there for a week or so, enjoying excellent fishing. Michael and Esther Wright had arrived the day before from England, and they and ourselves stayed at the Hotel du Rhin at Dieppe. There was little time left for fishing the evening of our arrival, but

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the next day, although there was a high wind, we took a good many trout on dry flies - eight of them falling to my portion. We also made a short visit during the day to Dieppe, where we drank Martinis and ate langoustines and winkles in a wonderful little bar there. It was a delightful experience.

The river is a chalk stream and is teaming with trout, , the average size being about 3/4 of a pound, although there are some [redacted] heavy fish in it. It is reputed to be one of the [redacted] best fishing rivers in France. The Chimays are an unusually attractive couple, he being a nephew of Countess Greffuhle and she a sister of Patrick Hennessy. They are active in the wine business on two counts: he is head of Veuve Cliquot and she is interested in the Hennessy brandy firm.

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Monday, May 29,1950.

We left Dieppe to-day and stopped at the Restaurant du Progrès at Neuilly for lunch.

Morell Clarke of South Boston, Va., had arrived the day before, and he came out and spent the afternoon and dined with us.

To-day is a public holiday in France, being the end of the Pentecost celebration.

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Tuesday, May 30,1950.

To-day is Memorial Day and an American holiday.

Morell Clarke moved in to stay with us this morning, and at 10.45 we went to the American Cathedral where I presented an episcopal flag as well as flags donated by the States of Minnesota and Wyoming to the Church. The service was impressive, with prelates from the Greek, Russian, English, [redacted] French [redacted] and American churches present, while the music, aside from the choir, was played by the orchestra of the Garde Républicaine. Taps were blown by a buglar who bungled at the high notes but finally extricated himself.

After lunch, I took Morell with me to Suresnes Cemetery. There were a great many speeches besides my own, and the French turned out dignataries in numbers, amongst them [redacted] Pierre de Gaulle, Admiral Lemonier who is about to retire as head of the French Navy, General Koenig, General Larminat, and others. Dean Beekman

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delivered the invocation, and Commander Callen of the American Legion did the introducing.

After the ceremony at the American Cathedral this morning, the American Legion marched up the Champs Elysées and we laid wreaths on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. There was quite a crowd, and little Sasha and David enjoyed it immensely. The band played the Marseillaise and the Star Spangled Banner and taps were also blown.

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Wednesday, May 31, 1950.

The Turkish Ambassador called this morning to talk about what had taken place at the conference in London.

Major General Cabell, head of Intelligence in the Air Corps, came to see me, as did then Winthrop Aldrich who has just returned from a long trip through the Middle East.

I had lunch with Jean Monnet and we went over the situation in regard to the present status of the pooling arrangement. The attitude of the British in insisting upon conditions other than those subscribed to by the adhering continental nations has posed a delicate problem for the French Government. I fear they might delay proceedings to a point where the vital momentum will be lost. If the British do not immediately adhere, which I consider entirely unlikely, I hope the French will go ahead and issue their declaration as originally drafted.

Mr. Lightman, the new head of the American Jewish Committee, came to see me this afternoon, as did then Jack Semmes from Baltimore who has been working for the

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Isthmian Steamship Company in Singapore.

I went over to see M. Schuman at seven, and had an interesting talk with him about the Plan.

There was a large reception at the house to-night; [redacted] I arrived as it was finishing. After dinner we went to the Windsors'. They [redacted] returned to-day from the United States. We saw dozens of friends there from all parts of the world, and there was [redacted] excellent singing and dancing. She has admirable taste and beautiful furniture and objets d'art.

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Thursday, June 1, 1950.

This morning I saw Clarence Brooks, who has just arrived after years of service in Rio to take up his position as Economic Counselor here. He has a high reputation for ability and we are glad to have him. Next I saw William Crawford, an attractive Foreign Service officer who is replacing Norris Chipman. Afterwards Joe Gray, who has been for months in Washington on assignment to the Personnel Board, reported in. We are all delighted to have him back.

I lunched to-day with Senator Lodge and General Delattre de Tassigny and Madame Delattre at their apartment. We had an interesting discussion. Delattre is vigorous, forceful and a fighter, determined to rebuild French military forces.

Mr. Vereide and Dr. Schnabel came to see me this afternoon. The former is Secretary General of the International Christian Leadership organization and had a letter of introduction from Senator Flanders.

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I saw Miss Faith Dennis, sent by Francis Taylor of the Metropolitan Museum, a charming young woman who is interested in writing a book on French silver.

Bert Jolis called and we discussed our favorite topic of propaganda. Harold Callender came in for a conversation about the Schuman Plan. Mrs. Saltonstall, wife of Senator Saltonstall, stopped by with her children. Theyconstitute a fine family group. I went to see Milt Katz to talk over various affairs of mutual interest, and then got busy with Jean Monnet in connecfion with the notes between the British and French governments regarding the Schuman proposal which are flying back and forth across the Channel. The latest French note was delivered to Ambassador Harvey to-night, and I sent a copy of it over to Washington.

This evening a Dutch friend of Evangeline arrived to stay at the house, and Morell Clarke is still with us and will remain until Monday.

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Friday, June 2, 1950.

I had a long talk this morning about the American Hospital situation, and thereafter discussed it with M. Verlhomme, Prefect of the Seine.

We had a lunch at the house for Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. Tupper Barrett, M. Marcel Plaisant, (Chairman of the French Senate and Foreign Affairs Committee), Mr. Robert Littell, Mrs. Albert Sidney, General and Madame de Bénouville, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Haseltine, Maître Radot, Miss Louise Iselin, M. and Madame Hubert Pastré, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Wrightsman, Mrs. Allen Livingston, Mr. John Walker, Miss Leonora Corbett, Mr. George Piper and Mrs. van den Bergh.

Afterwards I saw Mr. George B. McKibben and Dr. Everett R. Clinchy of the "Organisation Mondiale pour la Fraternité". Tom McKittrick came in and we had a [redacted] talk about French finances. I saw various people from the office and [redacted] ECA, and to-night we attended a gala for a Polish charity at the Hotel Lambert on the Ile de la Cité.

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It, even more than [redacted] the Hotel de Lauzun, is the finest old house in that portion of Paris. The setting for the ball, [redacted] attended by seven or eight hundred people, was almost incredibly beautiful. The whole of the great court had been roofed over with canvas. A large Polish coat of arms hung over the doorway itself, and around the sides were chairs, sofas, tables and buffets with champagne and food. The stone flagging of the pavement had been covered as a dance floor, and there was a fine orchestra in the corner. Later in the evening, the ball was given. On the other side of the house, the garden was thrown open and a loud speaker relayed music from the court. Upstairs, the various apartments in the house had been converted into loges to which one went by invitation of the owners. We spent most of our time in those [redacted] of Stefan Zamoyski and Baron Redy. It was really one of the most beautiful sights imaginable, but I imagine that, after paying the expenses of decoration,

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there not a great deal of money left for charity.

The price of admittance was six thousand francs, plus four thousand francs per person if one wanted admittance to the loges. I expect the party lasted all night, but we left about two o'clock.

Before going there, we dined with the Arturo Lopez in their house at Neuilly. They are Chileans, she pretty and he an amateur of objets d'art, with a collection of Louis 14th, 15th and 16th pieces quite startlingly perfect. The house was lit entirely by candle and there are few things in it not of museum quality.

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Saturday, June 3, 1950.

At ten o'clock, Lew Douglas, Bob Murphy, Averell [redacted] Chip and myself met at the office. I told them of my conversations yesterday with Monnet about the Schuman Plan, and we discussed various features of it. The last note on the subject was delivered this morning to the British by the French, and at noon to-day a communiqué will be issued. At 12.30 Lew and I went over to see Monnet. The British have tacked on to the end of their press communiqué a paragraph to the effect that they would like to have a Foreign Ministers' Conference to consider procedure on the subject. The French [redacted] rejected this proposition in their last note, and it was extremely unfortunate to have the British reiterate it in this public fashion. The lines are now drawn and representatives of these nations, namely France, Germany, Italy and the three Benelux countries, will convene shortly, having previously pledged themselves to the principles of (1) a common pooling of their steel and

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and coal resources; (2) the creation of a supra-national authority. The British will be kept intimately informed of their proceedings. It is regrettable that the British would not join in this endeavor at the outset but it is still, I think mistakenly, hoped they will adhere to it later on.

I got back late to the house where we had a lunch for Mrs. Ector Munn, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. John Hemingway, Countess Dorelis, Mrs. Potter, Miss Leonora Corbett, Mr. Robert Littell, Mr. John Utter, and Mr. Morell Clarke.

After lunch I returned to the office and sent off a long cable to Washington about the Schuman Plan.

Late this afternoon Lew and Peggy Douglas and their secretary came in for drinks.

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Cable to Washington, June 3, 1950

Now that the French and five other continental nations have decided after fruitless negotiations with the British to go ahead and implement the Schuman plan I hope [redacted] our Government will sympathetically and vigorously encourage this initiative. It is regrettable that the United Kingdom did not see its way clear to endorse the scheme at this time by accepting the chief principle involved, namely the creation of a supranational authority to direct a coal and steel pooling arrangement.

This surrender of a portion of national sovereignity having proved unacceptable to the British Government, there is naturally a great concern amongst the participating countries to be reassured that we are still favorable to the proposed integration. Indeed it would be highly inconsistent if we did not reaffirm our position in the matter. On many occasions we have exhorted the Western European nations to unity of action in the economic and military and even in the political field. Since, because of the British refusal to join in such an endeavor, we cannot presently hope to

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see a complete structure erected we should not be chary of admiration for architectural plans which are more modest in scale.

One of the great objectives of our foreign policy has been to bring non-Communized Germany into the closest possible communion with its Western neighbors. The obstacles to such an achievement for a long period seemed almost insuperable. Various combinations and even expedients were discussed and found impracticable of realization. Then the French proposal, audacious in nature, comprehensive in conception, opened up a new possibility of European integration and at least offered a prospect of moderating the century-old antagonism between French and Germans. It, moreover, had profound psychological implications. France, the natural leader of Continental civilization had emerged from her lethargy and spirit of defeatism and had once again erected a standard to which her neighbors could rally.

One cannot predict how the policy of the British Government may now unfold in this particular. Various reasons have been adduced for its decision. It is said that its Commonwealth obligations make it impossible to adhere as a full partner just

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as it had been unwilling to join unreservedly in the operations of the OEEC for the same reason. It has also been stated that its planned economy could not readily be adjusted to such a novel change in its social, industrial and commercial relationships. Moreover, it would of course be indisposed to turn over an iota of its sovereignty to the guardianship of a committee of individuals whose authority is undefined and whose intentions are unknown even though others were willing to make this venturesome leap into the dark.

There are other explanations of the U.K. attitude all of which probably had some bearing on its action. Perhaps the most important point if one speculates upon motivation, is the traditional foreign policy of the U.K., still tenaciously if somewhat covertly cherished despite debilitating wars and diminution of empire, that assesses European politics in terms of balance of power.

There is, however, nothing constructive to be gained by being over-critical of Great Britain in this connection, although

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I think it might be observed with justice that the manner in which it has lately attempted to sabotage the Schuman proposal displayed a vacuum of comprehension and an ineptness of diplomatic intercourse which is quite unusual. Whitehall has not often, after its secret proposals of compromise had been politely but firmly disapproved, resorted to the public press to repeat a suggestion that had been officially rejected by a friendly government a few hours before (Mytel 2668)

Under any circumstances it will be no easy thing for these participating nations to agree upon treaty terms which will secure the approval of their respective Parliaments. Except in certain definite economic instances such as the abolition of customs barriers throughout the area, the elimination of discriminatory freight rates, the prohibition of double prices, etc. each question taken under consideration will involve long-range planning of extraordinary complexity.

The French hope is to reach an agreement in treaty form embodying broad principles and to leave the technical details to

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be worked out later.

This is a formidable task and in its initial stages the United States can contribute little except moral support. But this moral support is of cardinal importance.

I therefore respectfully recommend that the Department consider immediately the advisability of the President issuing a statement congratulating the French for their leadership in this enterprise, felicitating the other countries associated with it on their participation and wishing them well in this adventurous but peaceful combination.

I discussed this question yesterday with Ambassador Douglas whose views are generally in accord with the above recommendation but who will communicate them himself to the Department.

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Sunday, June 4,1950.

I came to the office in the morning. E and I had a picnic lunch at Versailles.

In the evening we went to the Hotel Meurice and had dinner with Mrs. Truman's friend, Mrs. Stewart. Thence we went to the Théatre des Champs Elysées where Hildegarde gave a performance, supported by an orchestra, for the American Aid Society and the Gueules Cassées. The British and Norwegian ambassadors were there and it was quite a good house. I thought Hildegarde carried it off [redacted] well under the circumstances, although there was a tremendous disadvantage in one accustomed to singing in night clubs entertaining [redacted] in such a large theater.

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Monday. June 5,1950.

I went this morning to see Bill Donovan at the Hotel Meurice and had a long and interesting talk with him. I then discussed with Alan Jacobs the matter of the possible purchase by our Government of a house on rue de Varenne which I had gone to look at [redacted] Saturday afternoon. The Turkish Ambassador had a lunch at 17 rue Berton for the new Turkish Foreign Minister. I sat between the Foreign Minister and M. Bonnefous. The Turk is an historian, most agreeable, and is fully determined - as are all the member of his government whom I have met - to resist to the utmost any [redacted] Soviet aggression.

We had [redacted] meetings during the afternoon on matters of office concern. Afterwards I went to the tail end of a reception [redacted] we were giving at home.

To-night we dined with the Duc de Doudeauville at 61 rue de Babylone. He has there many of the beautiful things [redacted] he moved from his house on rue de Varenne

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which is now the Italian Embassy. The guests were mostly members of his family and a delightfully old fashioned lot they were. His brother, sister and himself are [redacted] all over eighty, but full of vitality.

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Tuesday, June 6, 1950

We had a staff meeting this morning. Later Mrs. D. D. Brown who owns some department stores in Oklahoma, with a letter of introduction from Senator Robert Kerr, came in to complain about a penalty assessed against her for importing into France more cigarettes than permitted. I think I succeeded in soothing her ruffled feelings and she will forget the matter.

Admiral Zacharias came in. He is making a tour of Western Europe in connection with his articles and radio broadcasts. During the war he was for a time Deputy (?) Director of Naval Intelligence and did a brilliant job later in broadcasting to the Japanese. He is a gifted [redacted] man who has been a stormy petrel in the Navy for years. He has now retired but is writing a great deal about intelligence matters.

We lunched with the Duke and Duchess Pozzo di Borgo (the latter an American) at their house at 51 rue de l'Université. Robert de Billy, who

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rents a large part of the ground floor from them with a fine garden, was there.

Mr. Herzog, Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, came to see me this afternoon and I enjoyed my talk with him. Afterwards Royall Tyler arrived. He is going to work for the "Free World", an organization of which Allan Dulles is the active head. I am highly pleased [redacted] he is going to be in Europe in this capacity as his broad knowledge of European conditions and his remarkable language ability will be most useful, to say nothing about his being personally such a delightful man.

Zeff, the tailor, came in with some samples of summer clothes, [redacted] then E and I went to a meeting of the Comité Américain de Secours Civil. Alan Arragon [redacted] retired at this meeting as President, after five years of service, and is being replaced by Julian Allen. Eva Dahlgren is representative here of the New York Committee - American Aid to France - and Rose Dolan of Philadelphia has for

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years conducted some of its important field operations.

We went to a large dinner to-night at the André de Fels' at 31 rue Octave Feuillet.

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Wednesday, June 7,1950.

I met two of the new additions to our staff this morning: Mr. Hettinger from the Visa Section, and Mr. Crouch from Graham Martin's section.

We lunched with Madame Dupuy at 29 rue Octave Feuillet. She is an American, and for some years the Embassy has been involved in the case in which she is attempting to recover from the French Government the newspaper properties of her husband - probably the most important in France - of which she was dispossessed.

This afternoon, General Gruenther, [redacted] and then Henry Luce of Time, Life and Fortune, called. Pierre Paul Schweizer, Financial Attaché at the French Embassy in Washington, came to see me and also Harold Callender.

Later in the afternoon, we attended a reception given for us at the Cercle Interallié by the Cercle de l'Union, of which the Duc de Broglie is President. It was [redacted]

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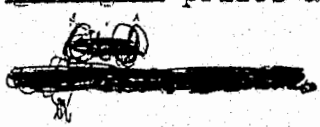
agreeable, and there were hundreds of members with their wives present.

To-night we went to the Saint Cloud Country Club where the American Club was having a dinner dance to mark the end of its annual golf tournament. I presented a lot of prizes and there were some speeches, including one by me.



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Thursday June 8, 1950.

M. Lechanteur, a lawyer [redacted] sometimes employed by the Embassy for real estate transactions came to see me to-day in connection with certain obstacles that have arisen in connection with our [redacted] purchase of the Hotel de Talleyrand. Alan Jacobs and I talked to him, and I believe we have reached an understanding which should meet the wishes of the Rothschild lawyers.

We had lunch at home for Helen Keller, her companion, the Joe Davidsons, the Rupert Lloydg and Horace Reeds. Helen Keller is [redacted] a fascinating and interesting woman.

Burke Knoff of the International Bank called on me to discuss the French financial situation. Afterwards General de Bénouville talked about what General de Gaulle considers would be the terrible mistake of withdrawing Allied troops from Austria. This is a subject [redacted] General Béthouard had discussed with me at the Hotel Lambert ball.

M. Jean Chauvel, [redacted] here on a short trip from New York, came

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in and talked at some length with Chip and myself about the trip of Trygve Lie to Moscow. Admiral Connolly and Admiral Bolger visited me, and afterwards I saw Judge John E. Swift, Mr. Luke E. Hart and Monseigneur Finn, Knights of Columbus.

We had a dinner to-night for M. Hervé Alphand, Madame Schiaparelli, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chambers, The Norwegian Ambassador, [redacted] Madame Jacques Bousquet, Comte and Comtesse de Carmoy, Mr. William Gower, Lady Diana Cooper, Baron and Baronne de Cabrol, Mr. John Utter, Miss Alice Crawford, Mr. Hugh Russell and Mr. Turner Cameron. Afterwards the others went to a party at the Barry Binghams', but I stayed at home to catch up on some reading.

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Friday, June 9,1950.

Henry Luce came in this morning with André Laguerre. He saw President Auriol and Premier Bidault yesterday and said [redacted] they had been [redacted] outspoken in their criticism of the recent Time article on Indochina.

I went to see George Vanier, the Canadian Ambassador, about a property at 72 rue de Varenne, which the Canadian Government [redacted] once thought of acquiring as a residence. I wanted to obtain [redacted] details about it, since the Canadian Government is no longer interested, and it is possible [redacted] it would do for our purposes.

We had a lunch to-day for Major General William Donovan, Mrs. Griselda Forbes, Mr. Arnold Whitridge and Mrs. Whitridge, Major General and Mrs. Gruenther, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Compton, M. Pierre Brisson, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Chipman, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brady, Admiral and Mrs. Connolly and Admiral Bolger.

Later the Indonesian Ambassador came to see me, and

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during the occasion I had a chance to sound him out on Dr. Hadder's policy toward recognition of Ho Chi Minh. He knows Hadder well; in fact, they went to school together, and he says no government headed by him will recognize Ho Chi Minh. However, he does not believe there is any chance of recognition being accorded to Bao Dai by the Indonesian Government in the near future.

I saw Loren Carroll, then Mr. Nicholson, Director of Public Relations of the High Commissioner's office in Germany.

Later, I went to a collection of pictures by Raymonde Heubert, at the request of Elizabeth Gauthier-Vignal. Madame Heubert is the former wife of my former landlord Corniglion-Molinier.

The following is a letter written by General T. B. Mott, formerly Military Attaché of this Embassy, to General O'Hare, the present Military Attaché, which is interesting in showing what life was once like in this Embassy:

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Route Ste Marguerite
ANGLET (B.P.)

June 1, 1950

My dear General:

It is just 50 years ago today that I opened the office of military attaché in Paris. The place had been really vacant since Captain Borup of the Ordnance had been shipped out of the back door and sent to London and home to save him from a mob shouting for his head. That was along about 1891.

The War Dept. gave me an allowance of $30 a month to pay for "clerk hire, cab hire on official business, cleaning the office and making the fire" (There was no central heating). Lt. Sims - afterwards Admiral - was naval attaché. He had $50 a month for expenses, and I used this as a club to get the same amount. After two years I succeeded.

The Ambassador (General Horace Porter, Class of 1860) had 2 secretaries, one clerk and a messenger. This went on from 1900 to 1905, and also on my second tour - 1909 to 1913, I had the same allowances but enjoyed central heating.

When I took over the job again in 1919, I had 3 assistants, 3 automobiles, 4 clerks and a lot of vast leather covered chairs. I am quite convinced that the office turned out far more useful work in 1900-1905 than in 1919-1930.

Nevertheless I had time to ride to hounds at Pau or in Leicestershire and to teach the two daughters of the French Chief of Staff to dance the Boston. I reported to M.I.D. that I could get nowhere with my brains but my heels had opened up the road to the post-Dreyfus citadel.

I hope and believe you are having just as grand a time now.

With my best regards,

Sincerely yours,

T. Bentley Mott

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Saturday, June 10, 1950.

Barry Bingham brought Henry Parkman to see me this morning. The latter, a Boston lawyer, will come here as head of the ECA Mission to France about September 1st. He has a fine record.

Bert Jolis called on me and we had a long discussion about the situation in Spain. This, together with other information I have lately received on this subject, I shall embody in a personal letter to Dean Acheson.

Mr. Zuchart, Assistant Secretary of Air, whom I had previously known in Washington, called. I also saw Mr. Swigert of the Shell Oil Company who had been introduced to me by Stacy Lloyd. He is an ardent sportsman, and I hope some day to go shooting with him in Texas.

This afternoon we moved the children down to Versailles and spent the night. It was a beautiful day and we had a long walk in the park, followed by a picnic supper. The mosquitoes there are numerous, and I am afraid [redacted] we shall have to screen the house.

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Sunday, June 11,1950.

After spending the night at Versailles, we went to lunch with Sylvia and Jean Monnet, who live at Pontchatrain in a [redacted] attractive place with a view over the forest of Rambouillet. We stayed there all afternoon, and got back to Paris late to-night.

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Monday, June 12,1950.

Bingham, Timmons, Bohlen, Tomlinson and myself had a talk this morning about the French financial situation, especially as it affects the rearmament program.

I went to call on M. Manuel Aguirre de Carcer, the Spanish Ambassador, at 15 avenue George V. This was formerly the house of the Prince de Wagram, and has a splendid garden in the rear, extending to the avenue Marceau. The Prado Museum in Madrid has equipped it with tapestries and paintings - the tapestries especially being of the best quality. De Carcer is an amiable man who has sent me masses of books - profusely illustrated - on Spain. His position is a delicate one since, although he calls himself an Ambassador and his letter paper is stamped as such, technically on the French Diplomatic List he is rated as "Délégué du Gouvernement Espagnol".

We had a lunch to-day at home for Phil Reed, Tom Watson and his wife and others.

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This afternoon I had a further talk with Jolis on the Spanish situation, and later saw Cy Sulzberger who has just returned after a long trip which took him to [redacted] the Far East. He is shortly going home on a three months' vacation. He is [redacted] intelligent and a natural journalistic Intelligence agent. The information [redacted] he gathers in connection with his duties is illuminating and helpful.

Edgar Kobak, who used to run the Mutual Broadcasting Company, came to see me and I greatly enjoyed talking to him.

Marie Harriman and the Katzes gave a farewell reception for the Binghams at the Cercle Interallié and E and I both went there. Afterwards we went to a cocktail party given by Carmen Esnault-[redacted] Peleterie. Like everything she is connected with, it was gay and lively. It was too late to have dinner, so we went directly from there to a moving picture which the Bidaults had kindly arranged for us to see at the studio of the Ministry of Information on this

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Avenue de Friedland. First of all, there was an amusing short film done sixteen years ago by Noel Noel called "Le Centenaire". Afterwards they showed "Le Père Tranquil", a picture of the Resistance movement and one of the most perfect and sensitive films I have ever seen. At its conclusion the guests - about twenty or thirty - had champagne and sandwiches, and M. Bidault and Noel Noel delivered [redacted] witty little speeches. Bidault told me [redacted] he had had a terrible day, and could not predict whether his government would last much longer.

We got home about midnight and found [redacted] Betty Salisbury had just arrived. She is to stay with us for a couple of weeks. E and Betty went off to Sammy Hood's to a dance, and I read late.

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Tuesday, June 13, 1950.

Staff meeting this morning. Afterwards, M. Poulain came in from Nicolas and talked fascinatingly about wine, especially about cellar temperatures and proper decanting practices. I called on the Afghanistan Ambassador at 32 avenue Raphael. He is a nice fellow, a general in the Afghan Army. He is not optimistic about their being able to settle their differences with Pakistan. At the present time there is considerable border skirmishing going on.

I went to lunch to-day at the American Club where Dr. Vannevar Bush made a speech. He talked frankly about new weapons and his belief that the defense of Western Europe by men equipped with the newest matériel against immensely superior forces numerically. He hopes there could be accomplished will be a workable combination of the principle of the bazooka and the recoilless gun. If this turns out as well as he anticipates, he thinks the large tank will become obsolete. He also

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believes [redacted] the day of concentrated bombing is over because of new defensive devices. It was an inspiring talk.

Ike Doughton of Standard Oil of New Jersey brought his successor Mr. Jamieson to see me. Afterwards the Marquis de Créqui Montfort made his annual call to ask us to attend the dance given each Fourth of July by the France-Amérique society.

Clarence Dillon talked to me about his recent visit to Spain, and his conversations with Franco.

The Greek Ambassador brought in Mr. Venizelos to see me. Venizelos was recently Greek Prime Minister, but large/due I think to representations from our State Department, resigned his office. He is a quick, alert man but has nothing of the great reputation of the famous Venizelos.

We had a reception at the house to-night and afterwards Betty Salisbury, E and myself went to Yvonne and André for a late dinner.

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Bert Jolis came to see me this morning about Spain. Afterwards we had a meeting between Donald Heath, Bohlen, Wallner and myself on Indochina. I called on the Australian Ambassador, Keith Officer, a [redacted] genial soul, at the new house bought by his Government at 13 rue Las Cases. It is a fine 18th century private hotel.

I had a men's lunch to-day for Donald Heath to which came: M. Parodi, M. Baeyens, M. Letourneau, M. Delavignette, Mr. Gorce, M. Carpentier, General Richards and Messrs. Bohlen, Wallner, Utter and Crawford. We had a long talk about Indochinese affairs.

Lester Markel, Editor of the Sunday New York Times, [redacted] called on me this afternoon. Then I saw Colonel Jacobs about some building operations, and Helen Kirkpatrick, Chief of Information of the ECA French Mission. She is [redacted] disturbed over the methods being used in France by the Information Section of OSR, [redacted]

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Although they might be successful in the United States, they seem to be causing resentment in this country because of the high pressure advertising features of their operations.

Teddy White came to see me, and afterwards M. Henault, Deputy of the Manche, who wants to establish a Military Museum at Cherbourg, and also to have one of our officers attend [redacted] forthcoming ceremonies there.

The invitations to ceremonies, manifestations and gatherings of every kind, inviting me to make speeches, come in here daily, and it would be an all-time job if one were to comply with even a minority of these requests.

The figures on the present strength of the Government personnel here are interesting. We have a huge responsibility on the administrat[redacted] side, in addition to attending to our own State Department employees. The following represents the present strength:

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AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES (CIVILIAN AND MILITARY)

OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PARIS

April 18, 1950

(Agencies 1-16 completely supported by Embassy)

	Americans	Local	Total
1 - Department of State, Foreign Service	337	393	
2 - MDAP - State Department	4	-	
3 - Military Assistance Advisory Group (Civilian & Military)	65	3	
4 - Military Attache (Civilian & Military)	25	3	
5 - Naval Attache (Civilian & Military)	12	3	
6 - Air Force Attache (Civilian & Military)	30	3	
	473	405	878
7 - ECA Mission to France	115	69	
8 - United States Treasury Representative	3	-	
9 - United States Marine Detachment	19	-	
10 - American Liaison	22	10	
11 - Legal Attache's Office	2	-	
12 - United States Public Health Service	9	4	
13 - Civil Aeronautics Administration	4	-	
14 - National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics	2	-	
15 - American Battle Monuments Commission	23	20	
16 - European Parasite Laboratory, U.S. Department of Agriculture	2	4	
	201	107	308
			1186

(Agencies 17-18 - Embassy does not completely support but provides certain support for)

17 - ECA (OSR)	532	500	
18 - 7966 European Command (EUCOM) Detachment (Civilian & Military)	151	100	
	683	600	1283
TOTALS	1357	1112	2469

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To-night we had a dinner at home with the following guests: The Honorable Perle Mesta, M. Edouard Bonnefous, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyson, Baron Philippe de Rothschild, M. and Mme Wilfrid Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackwell, M. and Mme Otto Bemberg, Mr. Robert Grinnell, [redacted] Miss Elsa Maxwell, Mr. A. Clinton Swezey, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rodgers, Mrs. Earle Stewart, Mr. John Kelly, Mrs. Denckla, and Mr. Hugh Russell.

Mrs [redacted] Mesta has just arrived affer six weeks in Washington, [redacted] and will, I suppose, now visit Luxemburg.

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Thursday, June 15, 1950.

John Carter Vincent, our Minister to Switzerland, came to see me this morning. Afterwards I saw Phil Bonsal in regard to his appointment here to fill the vacancy left by Jamie Bonbright's transfer. It now looks as if Phil would come over to the Embassy on September 1st. I had a telephone call from Washington last night saying [redacted] the Secretary of Labor would be here this month. At noon, Barry Bingham and myself called on M. Petsche, - Barry to say goodbye, and both of us to ask the Finance Minister whether more vigorous steps could not be taken to increase French exports to the dollar zone. On the way back, I went in to see Averell, who [redacted] returned here yesterday from Washington, and he had some [redacted] interesting news, [redacted].

I lunched in the office, and afterwards saw Ralph Dorsey of Berryville, Va, a great friend of Harry Byrd, and a business associate of my [redacted] friend Blackburn Moore,

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[redacted] now Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates. I had [redacted] business with Paul Birdsall, [redacted] then said goodbye to Ray Dickey, who is leaving OSR and returning to [redacted] law practice in Washington. Dr. Karl Lowenstein, [redacted] on a grant from the Carnegie Foundation, studying European integration problems, called on me. I [redacted] saw Major General Bracken Fleming, who was for long in charge of public works and has recently been named [redacted] Under Secretary of Commerce in Charge of Transportation under the new reorganization bill. General Fleming is over here attending a meeting of the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses.

Mrs. Henry Clews visited me to discuss the possible gift by her of her Chateau de la Napoule near Cannes to the American Government.

To-night, I [redacted] attended the Annual Flag Dinner of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, given at the French Army,

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Navy and Air Club on the Place Saint Augustin. I made a rather long-winded speech, then went on to the International Rescue Committee's dance at the Jolis apartment at 10 avenue Foch. It was an attractive occasion. Jean Rigaux, Claude Alphand, and a remarkable colored singer had all donated their services, and put on an excellent show, which lasted well into the early hours of the morning.

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Friday, June 16, 1950.

I saw Hugh Russell this morning. He is shortly going home on two months leave. I then took Donald Heath to call on President Auriol. The President is intensely interested in everything pertaining to the French Union and made, as usual, [redacted] remarks about the situation in Indochina.

We had a lunch today for Countess Greffuhle, Camille Gutt, President of the International Monetary Fund, Mme Gossin, the wife of the Belgian Ambassador to Moscow, and Hugh Russell. Madame Gossin is young and attractive. Although she has only been at the [redacted] post 2 1/2 years, because of the frequent changes in the Diplomatic Corps at Moscow, she is now its Doyenne. I should guess her to be about 25 years old. She says [redacted] life there is intolerably confined and stupid. The only time she has seen any [redacted] is when she went to a

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[redacted] hospital to have a baby, during all of which period everyone in the hospital refused to speak to her except in Russian. Madame Greffuhle was in her usual good form, and Camille Gutt as always amusing.

Loren Carroll came to see me this afternoon, and afterwards Whitney Shepardson. Before Whitney left, Calvin Hoover came in so [redacted] their visits telescoped. We had an agreeable time talking about OSS days, as well as concerning Whitney's forthcoming trip to Nigeria, and Calvin's tour of Europe to accumulate material for a book.

At six o'clock, I took Don Heath to see M. Schuman, who expounded with great earnestness and sincerity his policy of giving the Indochinese reponsibilities as fast as they were capable of accepting them.

Virginia and Ashley arrived to-day to spend the night and we dined with them, Betty having gone out somewhere.

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Saturday, June 17, 1950.

This morning at the office. The news came out to-day about Averell's appointment as Special Assistant to the President and Milt Katz replacing him here. This is an admirable arrangement, but the latter designation is somewhat unexpected since Milt had definitely decided to return to the Harvard Law School. With Averell's extraordinary grasp of the international situation he will be invaluable at the center of power in Washington, and his determination, wisdom and energy will be [redacted] valuable. Katz is brilliant, wonderful to work with, and the best possible replacement in ECA for Averell.

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Sunday, June 18,1950.

We spent Saturday afternoon and night at Versailles in the course of which the children joined us.

I finished the revision of my chapter on George Washington.

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Monday, June 19, 1950.

I saw Phil Bonsal this morning. He is leaving to-morrow for home, and will return in July to resume his duties with OSR. He expects to report here at the Embassy on September 1st.

I called on the new Danish Ambassador, Mr. Svenningsen, at 77 avenue Marceau, this morning. He is a [redacted] nice fellow and speaks perfect English.

We had lunch at the Ritz with the Aga Khan. His wife, the Begum, is [redacted] beautiful. His son and daughter-in-law (Rita Hayworth) were there and a large number of other people. I had quite a talk with him after lunch about horse racing and [redacted] the political situation in Persia and Afghanistan. He has always been [redacted] well informed and has a [redacted] intelligent mind.

I first met him years ago in a country house in England. He drank large quantities of cha[redacted] and one day, referring to the prohibition of his religion against

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drinking wine, said [redacted] there was a great advantage in being considered a god, because when champagne touched his lips, it was believed [redacted] to [redacted] changed into water.

Messrs. Barnard and Gould came to see me this afternoon about [redacted] Fox Movietone and Pepsi Cola. I then went to call on Hervé Alphand to talk to him about the Schuman Plan, as well as the possibility of his being appointed Deputy to the Foreign Minister in NATO.

Mr. Cody, who has been doing a European round-up on information activities for the State Department, came in, and afterwards Dr. Harper from Alabama with a letter from my old friend, Reb Long. He is a great friend of Turner Cameron's family who lives near him.

We had a dinner for the following people at home to-night: M. and Mme Lopez, the Australian Ambassador Keith Officer, the Cuban Minister and Madame de Ayala, M. & Mme Kosciusko, Duc & Duchesse de Bisaccia, M. & Mme Albert Prouvost,

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Mrs. Millicent Hearst, Lord Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, Baron & Baronne de Waldner, M. Giraudoux, Mrs. Legendre, Lady Salisbury, M. & Mme de la Tournelle, Mrs. Frazer, Mr. Brockman and Mr. Simmonds.

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Tuesday, June 20, 1950

We had a staff meeting this morning. Afterwards, I saw Mr. Richie of State and Mr. Sigel of Commerce, who are going to Morocco to investigate charges of French discrimination against American business men there. Anne O'Hare McCormick came in and we talked about the Schuman plan, regarding which she is most sympathetic. I called on the Mexican Ambassador at 9 rue de Longchamps and had a fiery tequila with him. It is almost odorless and like vodka. We had a lunch at home with the following guests: Clarence Dillon, the Philip Cortneys, Mrs. Rodman Wannamaker, the Irving Olds, the Francis McCormicks, the Pierre Lyauteys, the Warren Delanos, Mrs. Jesse Straus, Horace Reed, Mrs. Charleton, Lane Rehm, Lady Salisbury, Ctsse Obendorff, Mrs. Henry Clews, Turner Cameron, Martin Herz and Bruce Forbes. This afternoon, Royall Tyler came to see me and told me of his plans for work with the National Committee for a Free Europe. Bill Tyler brought in Mr. Wm C. Johnstone, of the Cultural Relations Division of

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the Department. Then Mr. Baty from California, once a Chicago banker, and a friend of Jim Webb, talked about World Federalism in which he is intensely interested. Commander Dunderdale, [redacted] over from London for a few days, had some interesting things to say. To-night we went to dinner with Charlie de Beistegui at 19 rue de Constantine. His house, which used to belong to his father and mother, has [redacted] wonderful furniture and art objects in it. At dinner I sat between Betty Salisbury and Diana Cooper. After dinner many extra guests arrived, including the Windsors.

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Wednesday, June 21,1950.

I went this morning to meet Milt Katz, Tommy, and Link Gordon [illegible] Averell's house at 16 rue Saint Guillaume. I left the car several blocks away, and while walking the remaining distance [illegible] was attracted by the sight of two sporting pictures with pointers in an antique shop, and had the weakness to buy them.

We had a [illegible] talk about handling the reporting on the Monnet Plan, and reached an agreement which I hope will work securely and satisfactorily. Later I went to call on the Irish Minister, Mr. C. C. Cremin, at 37 bis rue Paul Valert. He has a distinct Irish brogue and is [illegible] fan.

[redacted]

We had a lunch to-day for the former French Ambassador to Moscow and his wife and some other people, including M. René Grousset, Director of the Guimet Museum, who is interested with E. in some vast scheme to hold a sculpture exhibition this winter of examples not only

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of oriental but of Mayan and other South American art.

They were [redacted] interesting [redacted] people. I do not yet quite understand how we became involved in this affair, except that M. Grousset seems to have had wind of the fact [redacted] E had once written a college thesis on Wei sculpture.

This afternoon young Raymond Boyer came to see me and I ordered from him something in excess of two thousand bottles of wine and spirits to make punch for the 4th of July reception.

Mr. Baughman of the Treasury Secret Service, one of their experts on counterfeiting, told me about the recent conference at The Hague on this subject. It is really a [redacted] fascinating business, and it is amazing how they seem able in the long run to track down the culprits.

M. Bonnefous, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, [redacted] came to see me with his lawyer about leasing to some thoroughly responsible person a house [redacted] he owns in Paris. I am delighted to

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know of it, as the shortage of housing for our personnel

is a [redacted] important and vexatious concern.

We had a reception at home night.

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Thursday, June 22, 1950

Bob Grinnell came in to say good-bye. He has been transferred to the Department. I called on the Brazilian Ambassador at 45 Avenue Montaigne, and we exchanged pleasantries. I talked to Jack McCloy on the telephone this morning and immediately after, Ken Downes, his Public Relations Officer, at Berlin, came to see me. Ken is [redacted] happy up there, especially since he has just returned from a Reserve Officer's tour of duty with his old division, the 1st. He says that, with its modern equipment, it is the best military unit he has ever seen. We lunched with the MacCloskeys, where they had the other members of the staff who accompanied us on our trip to North Africa last winter. After lunch, he showed us [redacted] excellent photographs [redacted] he had taken during the trip. Jon Thoresen came to see me this afternoon about a patent infringement case which is ruining one of the chief features of his export business to America. Afterwards, Red O'Hare brought in ten West Point cadets, [redacted] fine looking in their grey jackets and white trousers. They had made an extensive tour of

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France. Sylvia Monnet, Jean's wife, came in with her American nurse to see about getting the latter back to the United States in sufficient time so [redacted] she will not forfeit her citizenship. I had a long talk with the Norwegian Ambassador, who wanted my views on the Schuman plan before he talked to his Foreign Minister, who is coming to stay with him tomorrow. Walter Kerr, the Foreign Editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, [redacted] once with O.S.S., had a long talk with me. What a charming man he is! Warren C. MacFarlane, President of the Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co., called on me. [redacted]. He has been a cripple for many years as a result of an automobile accident, and in spite of having to be taken everywhere in a wheeled chair has been flying around Europe, one of his recent stops being [redacted] Athens. Harold E. and [redacted] Callender came to see me, [redacted] went out to Versailles about 9 o'clock this evening to spend the night with the children.

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Friday, June 23, 1950.

once Polish Ambassador in Washington and an old friend, George Potocki, came to see me this morning with his son Stanislas. George's wife is Peruvian, he is stateless, and his son's national status appears to be completely undetermined.

I talked to Lew Douglas this morning on the telephone about Spofford's appointment. It is a pity we were not informed of it well in advance, so [redacted] we could have advised the various Foreign Offices of his background and qualifications.

I had lunch in the office, and afterwards saw Loren Carroll and Malcolm Muir, the head of Newsweek.

This was Graduation Day at the American School, so on Miss Leet's invitation I went over to 261 Boulevard Raspail, [redacted] made a speech and distributed the diplomas.

Averell stopped at the house on his way home, and we had a conversation about Spofford as a result of which

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I shall send a cable to-night suggesting that the Department instruct its various missions to tell the Foreign Offices that the President and Secretary of State consider themselves lucky in getting a man of his caliber for a post to which they attach the greatest importance.

Marie Louise Bousquet came to dinner, and afterwards I went to a reception at the Cercle Interallié given by M. Letourneau, Minister for Overseas Territories, for the three Indochinese delegations which are shortly to have their conference at Pau. It was a beautiful sight, as most of them were in their native costumes. They had charming manners, [redacted] There were many French officials, including M. Pignon. Upon leaving the Cercle Interallié, I went to the dance given by Etienne de Beaumont at 11 rue Masseran. The garden had been newly planted with great tubs of roses, laurels and other

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flowers. It was a spectacular sight and I have seldom seen so many pretty dresses. We got home at an early hour in the morning.

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Saturday, June 24, 1950.

I went to see Mrs. Roosevelt at the Crillon this morning and had a long talk with her. Elliot and the grandchildren were there. I had not seen her for a couple of years and was struck again by her [redacted] personal charm and kindliness. [redacted] When I got back to the office, I found Perle Mesta here and we had a [redacted] chat. She was looking [redacted], gowned by Molyneux and hat by Paulette.

We went out to Versailles for lunch, where Billy and Louie Delano joined us. It was wonderful seeing them. I came in immediately afterwards to the office, since during lunch we had received word of the fall of the Bidault cabinet, which was expected. This has happened at a most unfortunate time in view of the tremendous issues, especially the Schuman Plan, in which the French Government is involved. It was the Socialists again who were responsible, as they have been for the last four or

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five cabinet dismissals. Since Léon Blum's death, although he did not control Socialist policy, this Party has lacked unified leadership. Other Parties are also partly responsible, as all of them are jockeying for the next election.

M. Parodi sent for me at five o'clock and spoke of the confusion in the Foreign Office about the nature of Mr. Spofford's appointment. I told him what a gifted fellow Spofford is, and I hope it made some impression upon him.

Afterwards, we went to a huge reception given by the Petsches at the Ministry of Finance, which had been arranged before there was any indication there might be a cabinet crisis. It was attended by numbers of people who this morning had voted against Petsche and the rest of the Government.

To-night we dined at Bunny Carter's, at 9 Place du Palais Bourbon, and then went on to the dance at

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the Travellers' Club. This is the first time [redacted] wives of members have ever been admitted to its sacred precincts. The house is [redacted] remarkable, having been built in the 19th century for the famous courtesan La Paiva, by a German admirer who later married her. It is in the worst possible taste but is a representative [redacted] example of the architecture of that period. The women were especially interested in her silver-lined bath tub. There were tables everywhere throughout the Club for four and eight persons with a buffet supper and champagne. We got home [redacted] late.

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Sunday, June 25, 1950.

This morning the news came through that the Northern Koreans had marched across the boundary into Southern Korea. I went to the office, and from there to see Parodi - Schuman being away - to tell him [redacted] the United States Government hoped [redacted] the Quai d'Orsay would send instructions immediately to Chauvel to attend the United Nations Security Council meeting this afternoon and [redacted] take a firm stand there. Parodi saw no difficulty in doing this.

After lunch we went to the races at Longchamp. This is the day of the Grand Prix. There was a tremendous crowd. We sat in President Auriol's box, where he dispensed champagne to most of the Diplomatic Corps including the bearded [redacted] Soviet Ambassador Pavlov. President Auriol was gravely concerned [redacted] over the Korean situation. He is the best host imaginable, and Madame Auriol equally good as a hostess, - both [redacted] have sympathetic [redacted] personalities.

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Guy de Rothschild's horses placed first and second, which is quite remarkable in view of the [redacted] Germans having taken away during the war all of his father's horses; the family had restarted the stable two years ago with one filly. I came from the races to the office, where we had further discussions about the Korean situation. I talked to Lew Douglas on the phone to-night, and to [redacted] Dean Rusk in Washington.

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Monday, June 26, 1950.

We had a staff meeting this morning to consider various matters that might arise in connection with the Korean affair, especially how we would deal with the problem of American tourists demanding immediate passage home.

I went to call on the Colombian Ambassador at 22 rue de l'Elysée. He talked at considerable length about the Schuman Plan of which he is a strong advocate, and also expressed his lack of confidence in Trygve Lie's ability.

Peasie arrived this morning from England, and I took E and herse[illegible] to a bistro for a hasty lunch.

This afternoon I saw Messrs. Freeman and Jesse Larson about the purchase of strategic materials. Preston Grover came in to talk about Korea. Then I had a [illegible] talk with Mrs. Robert Blum about her situation. Bob would like her to go out to Indochina with one of

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their boys and leave the other, who is studying the piano, in Paris. It is a [redacted] difficult decision for her to make.

Sir James Dunn, head of the Algoma Steel Works in Canada came to see me with a letter from George Humphrey. He is a [redacted] high powered, attractive individual and I enjoyed [redacted] talking to him.

This afternoon I went to see Parodi. The Quai d'Orsay is again instructing Chauvel to hold firm, and cooperate fully with any American action. Parodi's personal opinion is that we should intervene with our own armed forces in Korea.

We had dinner to-night at the Windsors' and afterwards went to a dance given by the Duff Coopers at 12 rue de Poitiers. Saw lots of friends and got home [redacted] late.

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Tuesday, June 27, 1950.

We had a staff meeting this morning, and afterwards Averell came over to talk to Chip and myself. While we were discussing the Korean situation, a telegram from the Department informed us of the President's bold and wise decision, and instructed me to communicate it at once to Mr. Schuman. Chip and I did so, and Schuman and Parodi were delighted and relieved at the action taken by the President, considering it one inspired by unusual courage and statesmanship. The sending of air and naval support immediately to Southern Korea, the protection of Formosa, the strengthening of our position in the Philippines, and [redacted] effective aid to Indochina, will at least convince the Soviets that further aggression on their part will lead to war with us. Whenever we have shown determination and strength in the past, they have halted their activities, and I believe will do so again, although China may become their stooge for a while.

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I had a men's lunch to-day for Secretary of Labor Tobin who arrived here this morning. The French Minister of Labor, M. Bacon, and members of his staff, Averell, Shishkin and Dick Eldridge were there.

This afternoon, Marion Robertson, the nice young son of Senator Willis Robertson, came to see me. Afterwards I had a long talk with Secretary Tobin, including amongst other things a discussion of the desirability - with which I thoroughly agree - of our sending an Ambassador to the Vatican. Tobin is an attractive man.

M. Pignon came in late this afternoon and was over-joyed when informed of the contents of the President's message, which was released here at 5 P.M. The Secretary of the Korean Legation came to see me with an interpreter. His Chargé d'Affaires sailed from Marseille on a thirty-two day voyage to Hong Kong before he [redacted] received any news of the outbreak of war in Korea. This young man

has been left without staff or communications [redacted] by his government, and is in a state of great bewilderment. I decided to service him with current information, and hope to quiet his natural anxiety.

We had a dinner to-night for Mrs. Roosevelt before the Martha Graham performance at the Théatre des Champs Elysées. Mrs. Roosevelt is a great friend of Martha Graham. As we went through the line of Gardes Républicaines at the theater the crowd all applauded Mrs. Roosevelt. Mrs. Donald Bloomingdale is financing this enterprise. [redacted] The first night audience was large and enthusiastic but it remains to be seen whether, when subjected to the test of paid admissions, it will be able to fill the house for the next ten days. Afterwards, E took Mrs. Roosevelt and some others at midnight to hear Josh White sing at a night club. I went instead to the office, where [redacted] reviewed the Korean developments, [redacted] got [redacted] to bed about two o'clock.

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Wednesday, June 28, 1950.

Barbie and Herbert Agar arrived last night to stay, and as Peasie is still with us we are filled up.

Lots of talk about the President's Proclamation. It was almost universally approved here and in other continental countries, except by the Communists who are blaring away with the line that the United States is engaging in imperialistic aggression against a People's democracy.

After lunch, E and I went to the opening of the sculpture exhibition of six American women artists at the Petit Palais, one of them being Doris Caesar, the wife of an old friend of mine. It was interesting and admirably displayed.

Elliot Lee, who used to represent the Guaranty Trust Company here and [redacted] is on a visit in connection with AMERICAN AID TO FRANCE, called on me to discuss the Saint

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Lô hospital situation. Afterwards I saw Garrard Winston, once Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, [redacted] representing the National City Bank in connection with American bond-holders claims against Germany. Then Harold Callende[illegible]me in.

We had a reception at the house to-night in the garden. It was [redacted] hot but beautifully clear.

Each attempt to form a new French Government has thus far failed. President Auriol has asked Queuille, Pleven, René Mayer, Bidault and perhaps others to undertake the task, but they all have refused or else found it impossible to succeed. It appears to-day that Queuille may be able to form a cabinet, and [redacted] present himself to the Chamber for investiture to-morrow.

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Thursday, June 29, 1950.

Whitney Shepardson came to see me this morning in connection with his desire to have Ed Taylor, author of "The Strategy of Terror", [redacted] now in Paris as Public Relations officer at UNESCO, come home and take charge of a [redacted] education in democracy scheme [redacted] sponsored by Whitney and some of his friends.

Sir Oliver Harvey came to see me to talk generally about the situation in Korea. Later, I went to call on M. Parodi, to ask on behalf of the U.S. Government that the French issue a declaration stating that in pursuance of the Resolution of the United Nations they intend to take part in the support of the South Korean forces. Realizing the burden imposed by the war in Indochina on them, all we want is a statement and possibly a token sign of aid. M. Parodi thought he would have no trouble whatever in getting M. Schuman to agree to

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this proposal.

E and I had lunch at Maxim's where we saw a lot of friends. We disposed of pockets full of invitations regarding lunches, dinners, functions, etc.

This afternoon I was photographed with Mlle Geneviève Marie Sencier, a young French girl who is being sent to the United States by Youth Incorporated.

I went over to 26 rue du Faubourg Saint Jacques to attend a ceremony during which the building there was transferred by [redacted] American Aid to France to the University of Paris as a students center. This is an [redacted] excellent use of the funds of American Aid to France. Mr. Elliot Lee presided over the meeting, during which the Rector of the University of Paris and several others, including myself, made speeches in French extolling this act.

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We had a dinner to-night at Versailles for Mr. and Mrs. Owen D. Johnson, Comte Robert de Billy, Mrs. Joseph Davies, M. Paul-Louis Weiller, Mme René Mayer, Baron Fould-Springer, Miss Elsa Maxwell, Mr. Clair Irish, Mrs. Albert Sidney, Mrs. Ambrose Chambers, M. & Mme Carl Burckhardt and Mr. John Utter.

Afterwards we went to the Théatre de la Reine, the beautiful little Marie-Antoinette theater back of the Petit Trianon, to see two shows [redacted] put on by the Paris Opera; the OK choreography of the first [redacted] was done by Serge Lifar and he also danced in it, looking [redacted] arrogant, contemptuous and proud in his role as Louis XIV. The theater seats about 150 people and the admission tickets were ten thousand francs apiece, the proceeds to be used for restorations at Versailles. There was a buffet supper in the Pavillon de la Musique [redacted] opposite the Petit Trianon The gardens were wonderfully lighted. There was a full moon, and altogether nothing could have been more splendid, [redacted]

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A tremendous load of office business this morning, including a lot of details about the July 4th party. A notice was put in the paper yesterday and today stating that all Americans upon presenting their passports could receive cards at the Embassy for the occasion. In addition to this we sent off several thousand to American residents in Paris. It now appears [redacted] there will be about 6,000 cards issued and perhaps the crowd attending will be smaller than last year. I lunched today with Milton Katz at his [redacted] apartment at 1 Rond Point Bugeaud. It is such a comfort to know [redacted] he has taken Averell's place. His intellectual qualifications are [redacted] brilliant and he and his wife are the nicest couple imaginable. We talked about various matters of mutual concern to our organizations. Parker M[redacted]ester came in this afternoon and we had an enjoyable chat. Afterwards I saw Mr. Lubin E. Mire of Louisiana, a young man with a letter of introduction from Senator Ellender. Then General North, head of the Battle Monuments Commission told of certain difficulties he was encountering

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[redacted] in relation to water supply for cemeteries regarding which he thought I could be helpful. Russell Dorr, an old friend of O.S.S. days, [redacted] chief of the ECA mission in Turkey, came to call. Afterwards, John Sullivan, former Secretary of the Navy. John, like Secretary Tobin, is intensely interested in the question of our having diplomatic representation at the Vatican on a permanent basis, a point with which I fully agree especially since it offers an unparalleled opportunity to secure intelligence.

Eleanor Schwartz has fallen into serious disgrace with the French authorities because of her intemperate remarks to an official at [redacted] Orly airport whom she dubbed a "petty [redacted] functionary". Apparently she was to receive a notice of expulsion from the country tomorrow. Instead, however, they have now decided to turn her passport, which they had taken away from her, over to me and I am to administer a severe rebuke to her.

The Agars and ourselves went to dinner tonight with Elsa Maxwell at the Ritz. She had about 100 people and ~~Pretty~~ attractive looking lot they were. The women had all been asked

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to come with some sort of headdress. The results in certain cases were [redacted] odd. My old friends, the Monseigneur orchestra, played during dinner, and afterwards a variety of nightclub artists sang and crooned, to say nothing of a marvellous puppet show. There were two prizes given for the best head arrangements, the first one to Diana Cooper who wore a busby, and the second to Maxine de la Falaise who had what looked like a [redacted] small tree on her head. Got home about 2 o'clock.

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CALLERS - JUNE 1950

Mr. Vereides, International Christian Leadership, Inc.

Dr. Schnabel " " "

Miss Faith Dennis, Metropolitan M[illegible]eum, New York City

Mr. Bert Jolis, Diamond Business

Mr. Harold C[illegible]llender, New York Times

Mrs. Saltonstall, Wife of Senator

Mr. McKittrick, Chase Bank V.P.

Mr. McKibbin, World Fraternity Organization

Dr. Clinchy " " "

Hon. Lewis Douglas, U.S. Ambassador, England

Hon. Robert Murphy, " " Belgium

General Donovan, Former head, O.S.S.

Mr. Herzog, Chairman, National Labor Relations

Mr. Royall Tyler, European representative, Free Europe

Mr. Joe Alsop, Columnist

General Gruenther, Joint Chiefs Staff

Mr. Henry Luce, TIME-LIFE Magazines

M. Schweitzer, Financial Attaché, French Embassy, Washington

M. Le Chanteur

Mr. Burke Knapp, International Bank

General de Benouville, Famous Resistance leader

M. Jean Chauvel, French Delegate to UNO

Admiral Connolly, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe

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Knights of Columbus

Mr. Gulbenkian, Famous Collector Art

Mr. John Walker, National Gallery of Art

Mr. André Laguerre, TIME-LIFE

Dr. George Fox

Miss Viola Ilma, "Grapevine"

Indonesian Ambassador

Mr. Loren Carroll, Newsweek

Mr. Nicholson, Director Public Affairs, HICOG

Mr. Preston Grover, Associated Press

Mr. Zuchart, Assistant Secretary of Air

Mr. Cyrus Sulzberger, New York Times

Mr. Edward Kobak

M. Poulain, Etablissements Nicolas

Mr. Rapp

Mr. Isaac Doughten, Standard Oil

Mr. Jamieson, Standard Oil

Marquis de Créqui Montfort, France-Amérique

Mr. Clarence Dillon, Dillon Reed

M. Raphael, Greek Ambassador

Mr. Venizelos, Former Greek Prime Minister

Mr. Lester Markel, Sunday Editor, New York Times

Mr. Henault, Député, French

Mr. Theodore White, Overseas News Agency

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Hon. John Carter Vincent, Minister to Switzerland

Mr. Ralph Dorsey (letter from Sen. Byrd)

Mr. Ray Dickey, Washington Lawyer

Dr. Karl Loewenstein, Carnegie Corporation Grant

Maj. Gen. Bracken Fleming, Under Sec. of Commerce for Transportation

Mrs. Henry Clews

Mr. Whitney Shepardson, Carnegie Corporation British Empire Pres't.

Mr. Calvin Hoover, Dean, Duke University

Mr. Barnard, Pepsi-Cola

Mr. Gould, Pepsi-Cola

Mr. Merrill Cody

Dr. Harper

Mr. William C. Johnstone

Mr. Baty, World Federalist

Cdr. W. A. Dunderdale, British

M. Boyer, fils, Wine Merchant

Mr. Baughman

M. Bonnefous, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Comm., National Assembly

Mr. Kenneth Downes, Berlin

Mr. Jon Thoresen, Norwegian

West Point Cadets (10)

Madame Jean Monnet

H.E. M. Andvord, Norwegian Ambassador

Mr. Walter Kerr, N.Y. Herald Tribune

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Mr. War C. MacFarlane, Pres't. Minneapolis Moline Plow Co.

Mr. Malcolm Muir, Newsweek

Hon. Perle Mesta, Minister to Luxembourg

Mr. William Douglas Pawley, Former U.S. Ambassador

Mr. Freeman, Gen. Service Administration, State Dept.

Mr. Larson " " " " "

Mr. Robert Blum, Head ECA Mission Indo-China

Sir James Dunn, Chairman Algoma Steel Works, Canada

Mr. Marion Robertson (Sen. Robertson's son)

Secretary of Labor Tobin

M. Pignon, High Commissioner Indo-China

M. Pyung Sik Son, Secretary in charge of Korean Legation

Mr. Elliott Lee, President, American Aid to France

Mr. Garrard Winston, Former Assistant Secretary of Treasury

Sir Oliver Harvey, British Ambassador

Mme. Genevieve Marie Sencier, Youth Inc.

Mr. Parker McCollester, Prominent U.S. Lawyer

Mr. Lubin E. Mire (letter Sen. Ellender)

General North, Commanding American Graves Service

Mr. Russell Dorr, Head ECA Mission to Turkey

Mr. John L. Sullivan, Former Secretary of the Navy

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Saturday, July 1, 50.

Billy Delano came to see me this morning and we talked about 41 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré which he [redacted] visited recently with Colonel Jacobs.

My old British wartime associate, Commander Kenneth H. S. Cohen, called and I had an [redacted] interesting conversation with him.

We arrived at Versailles about three o'clock, had a picnic lunch and a walk in the park, after which I got through a stack of papers. We spent the night at Versailles, somewhat disturbed by ferocious mosquitoes and clouds of flies. The canal alongside of us accounts for the former, and a large herd of cows next to our entrance for the latter. The housd is unscreened, and I shall have to do something about it.

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Sunday, July 2,1950.

We set out this morning with Princess Thèrese de Caraman Chimay to visit the Chateau de Sceaux where they are holding an exhibition of relics from various royal chateaux near Paris which have now disappeared. The number of objects remaining is small but they are of great historic ~~interest~~. The Curator, [redacted] a [redacted] charming man, took us around a considerable portion of the park which, designed by Le Nôtre, is [redacted] beautiful. The Pavillon de l'Aurore, built in the 18th century, as a place to give lunches and dinners is especially attractive, and architecturally significant. The original chateau was destroyed, and the present one [redacted] built on its site about a hundred years ago. It is rather ugly, but [redacted] admirable as a place for exhibitions. The State provides [redacted] little money for the upkeep of this establishment, except for the employment of two hundred gardeners who attend to flowers, water system, fountains, etc.

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There are about five hundred acres of land remaining in the domain, and as it is only [redacted] five miles from the nearest Paris gate, it is wonderfully convenient.

We arrived back at Versailles about two o'clock and found Arthur Schlesinger [redacted] Jr., who came last night to stay with us in Paris, waiting there. We did some walking and talking in the afternoon, [redacted] then Pauline Potter joined us to go to dinner, to which we had been invited by Edouard Bonnefous, with M. Bamberger, President of the Chamber of Commerce at Versailles, at the Chamber's headquarters on the avenue de Paris. This was once the house of Madame DuBarry, and except for an ugly modern wing [redacted] remains substantially what it was in her day. It is [redacted] lovely, of moderate size, some fine panelling and the rooms of graceful proportions. We had dinner on the lawn which adjoins spacious flower gardens. There were a lot of diplomatic people there, including the British, Italian, Indian,

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Chilean ambassadors and their wives. Afterwards, while it was still daylight, we went to a great fête given at the Bassin de Neptune. It was a glorious spectacle, and I have never seen fireworks so profusely and ingeniously displayed. There were also ballets by members of the Paris Opera, presented to a group of several thousand people. It ended just before a torrential downpour, from which we took refuge at the Hotel Trianon Palace where we had a snack of sandwiches and beer. Arthur and Pauline went back to town, and we spent what little remained of the night at Versailles, tormented by mosquitoes.

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Monday, July 3, 1950

I spent a considerable time this morning with Tommy talking about various phases of the Schuman Plan.

At 12.30 I went to see M. Parodi regarding M. Schuman's attendance at the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in September, the responsibilities of M. Reynaud in the new Ministry for Associated States, and a declaration of the French Government in support of the US policy in Korea.

I had lunch in the office, and afterwards E. Taylor came to see me to talk about a proposition made to him by Whitney Shepardson that he resign from UNESCO and take on a new reponsibility in the propaganda field. This he is willing to do. The Duchess of Windsor came to talk to me about [redacted] property [redacted] she and the Duke are thinking of acquiring near Saint Cloud. M. Baeyens called to ask whether we could possibly find five billion francs to expand and improve airfields in Indochina.

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Preston Grover talked in his usually sensible way about the Korean episode.

We had a reception at home this afternoon and Nancy Lancaster arrived from London this noon to stay with us. To-night E., Nancy, Arthur Schlesinger and I had dinner out of doors at the Pré Catalan. It was a beautiful night.

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Tuesday, July 4, 1950.

We shifted the annual reception this year from the afternoon to the morning and held it from eleven to twelve thirty in the garden at 41 Faubourg St. Honoré.

It was a hot and bright day and 6,741 people came. We shook hands with just about all of them. Unlike last year, there was no visible drunkenness.

We were to lunch afterwards at the Elysée where President Auriol was to decorate Barry Bingham. Unfortunately Barry had been stricken by measles in England and the lunch was called off.

Audrey and Mrs. Mellon arrived this morning on the "America", came to the reception and are now staying with us. It is a delight to have them. I took Audrey after lunch to the various functions I had to attend this afternoon. The first was laying a wreath on the George Washington statue, Place d'Iéna, the next was a wreath ceremony at the Rochambeau statue where I made a speech. Following that, I laid more wreaths on the monument to American Volunteers in the first World War,

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Place des Etats-Unis, and made a speech. Then we went to the Picpus cemetery and I made a speech at Lafayette's tomb. After time out for dinner, E. and I went to a soirée of France-Amérique at 9 avenue Franklin Roosevelt where I made a speech and danced. At 11.30 p.m. we went to a dance at the American House at the Cité Universitaire where there was no speech-making but some excellent Brazilian dancing. There was a great downpour to-night which was still going on when we got to bed about two o'clock.

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Wednesday, July 5,1950.

I lunched with Allen Dulles to-day at the Mont Blanc, and we covered a variety of subjects, including the work which Royall Tyler is to do. Allen is going back to-night to Switzerland, then to Vienna to see his daughter and son-in-law.

Anne O'Hare McCormick came to see me this afternoon, and I found her as usual interesting and delightful. Nicky Biddle, from the Embassy in Madrid, called to see me. He has always been a attractive fellow from the time he was a small boy. He seems quite happy at his post. Baxter Jackson, the New York banker, came in, and we had a talk about general European conditions. Spike Marlin, who was in Ireland years ago for OSS and has just arrived from Washington, came to talk to me about the horrible possibility I might be asked to go into CIA. The French papers have been talking about it, but I have heard nothing myself and hope it is not true. I would refuse it.

I called Don Shepard on the telephone to-night to

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tell him of an offer I had through Janie Begg for His Lordships Kindness.

When I got back home, I found Archduke Otto and Archduke Robert waiting for me. I thought they had something secret to communicate, but it actually was to express their great pleasure at the action taken by the President. This sentiment about the Korean affair seems to be almost universal in Europe.

Audrey had been out all day with Douglas Dillon's daughter, and Douglas kindly stopped by to pick her up and take her out to dinner to-night.

I dined with Mrs. Mellon, and had a talk with Nancy Lancaster when she came in. She went back to London tonight.

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Thursday, July 6,1950.

Marshall Madison, a partner of Turner McBaine in San Francisco, came to see me this morning. I went to Lanvin to try on a suit, and returned [redacted] to meet Bill Burden who is over on a short trip.

The American Club had a lunch to-day at which Orson Welles was the speaker. He talks [redacted] easily and [redacted] amusingly. I introduced him.

David Nes[redacted] came to see me this afternoon. We are hoping to have him shifted over later in the year from OSR to the Embassy. Arthur Gardner's son, [redacted] making a continental motor trip, came [redacted] to see me, and afterwards Ted Rousseau. Lieutenant Breckinridge brought in four of the Marines who helped with the Fourth of July reception and I thanked them for their fine work. Afterwards I attended the swearing-in of Milt Katz at the Talleyrand, [redacted] then went on to a garden party at the British Embassy.

This evening Jules Moch came to see me at the house,

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[redacted] and we had a long talk about the political crisis in France.

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Saturday, July 8, 1950.

I went to see M. Queuille this morning at the Hotel Matignon. He was [redacted] calm as usual, but [redacted] suffering from an ear ailment that has partially destroyed his equilibrium, so he is unsteady on his feet. He thinks [redacted] the present Government crisis will be resolved within a maximum of fifteen days, and possibly [redacted] Pleven may be invested within four or five days. When I returned to the office, I saw Billy Delano, and had a talk with him about 41 Rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré.

We went to lunch at Versailles, and afterwards I took Audrey on a round of some of the antique shops in Paris.

I worked in the late afternoon at home and then, Evangeline being ill, took Audrey and her grandmother to the Eiffel Tower for dinner. The view was magnificent and they were delighted with it.

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Friday, July 7,1950.

I went over to call on M. Bidault this morning to discuss French politics with him. I found him pessimistic. He thinks [redacted] Pleven will probably be asked to form a cabinet.

We had lunch with the Duke and Duchess de Gramont at 42 bis avenue Georges Mandel. He is a [redacted] charming man.

Raymond Aron came to see me this afternoon and discussed in a [redacted] penetrating way the problems [redacted] confronting us as a result of the Soviet-[redacted]-inspired aggression against South Korea. Mr. Jasspon, a friend of Willard Thorpe, a dealer in vegetable oils from Memphis, Tennessee. came to see me, as did Loren Carroll. Later Mr. Bradford of the UP arrived, and I got home just in time to dress and go down to dinner with the Kotzebues at the Chateau de Suisnes. E. could not go as she was ill. It is a Louis XIV. house and one of the most

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attractive I have ever seen, placed in a wonderful park
the flowering
[redacted] established by Bougainville after whom the shrub

[redacted] was named.

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Sunday, July 9,1950.

Came to the office in the morning, [redacted] read the telegrams and afterwards motored out for lunch with Marie Louise Bousquet to the Duc de Brissac's chateau at La Celle les Bordes, Cernay la Ville. Their own chateau is down in Anjou and this one he inherited from his grandmother, Duchess d'Uzès. I vaguely remember [redacted] meeting her [redacted] many years ago in Paris. She was the most extraordinary old girl, [redacted] passed much of her life in hunting stags with her own pack of hounds, and a good deal of it in political intrigue. She was once [redacted] rich, and financed General Boulanger's effort to seize control of the government. She sometimes used to give large dinners after hunting, and would simply throw an evening dress over her hunting clothes. She did not live in this particular chateau, which is partly Henri IV. and partly Louis XIII., but [redacted] kept her horses and hounds in its outbuildings. The house itself is [redacted] simple,

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but [redacted] amazing [redacted] because of the collection of stag horns which literally plaster the walls and the ceilings. There are several thousands of them and de Brissac says there are other piles in the attic. The last one - and a [redacted] fine head indeed [redacted] affixed to the walls is the head of a stag killed by the old Duchess when she was eighty-five. Apparently she dismounted and cut its throat with her hunting knife. She died the same year but not, it is said, as a result of this exertion. The Burckhardts were there, as well as Charles de Noailles, with whom I had a [redacted] talk regarding antiques, the attractive Madame Max Brusset, and others. We had a delicious vin rosé from de Brissac's Anjou vineyards. Marie Louise dropped me off at Versailles, where the Windsors stopped to see me. They are looking for a house near Paris, and had been touring the neighborhood. When I returned home I found that Audrey, who is mad about horses, had been to the races at Longchamps, [redacted] placed several small bets, and [redacted] won three out of four

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races, which is pretty good for a sixteen year old.

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Monday, July 10,1950.

To our great regret Mrs. Mellon left this morning for England. Victor Gordon Lennox, the British correspondent, [redacted] an old friend of mine, came to see me this morning. [redacted] Peasie moved back to stay with us to-day. E. was still ill, and I lunched with Sacha Guitry and his wife, together with the Rémys, at 18 avenue Elysée Reclus. He is [redacted] an engaging conversationalist and his wife is quite beautiful. He has just completed a script on Franklin and Rochambeau, for which he wishes to arrange distribution in the United States. I took a copy away to read. His house is almost a museum, filled with fine paintings by Renoir, Cezanne, etc., bronzes by Rodin, Maillol, Degas, any number of fascinating books and all sorts of objects connected with the lives of his father, [redacted] himself, and [redacted] his various wives. He has a colored servant from Dakar, and at the outbreak of the last

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war he told this young negro [redacted] he was likely to be conscripted. The latter said [redacted] he would not join the army under any circumstances as he certainly did not wish to fight against any people whom he disliked as much as he did the Germans.

Maurice Léon, with whom I have had so much trouble, called on me this afternoon. He has been suffering from high blood pressure and looks extremely ill. I told him [redacted] I would see his French lawyer next week about the case in which he is interested.

The Spanish Ambassador called on me and talked [redacted] about the Export-Import Bank loans for Spain. Then Mr. Pulaski of the Polish Library arrived, and after him I saw Royall Tyler regarding his work on behalf of the International Committee for a Free Europe, in which Allen Dulles is so interested.

I went to see M. Parodi at the Foreign Office to go over a variety of topics, and afterwards returned to the house where we were having a reception.

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Tuesday, July 11, 1950.

Nino Lo Savio came to see me this morning. He had yesterday sent me a magnum of Moet & Chandon champagne which was kind of him. He talked about the possible recruitment of a Foreign Legion to be incorporated into the American Army. Charles Lindbergh came in, and I had a [redacted] interesting talk with him. He feels that somehow we should get the Germans connected with the building up of Western defenses, and [redacted] as a starter a strong German police force, at least capable of coping with an East German police force, is most advisable. Unlike many airmen, he believes [redacted] air alone is not capable of resolving any conflict, but [redacted] strong ground forces, as well as the Navy, are essential. He is an [redacted] advocate of speeding up the rearmament of Western Europe. Lindbergh is personally an [redacted] unusually attractive, shy man, who expresses himself with great ease. He is leaving again by automobile for Germany, where he is apparently doing [redacted] special work for the air forces.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rudman of Allentown, Pa., stopped by with their daughters to shake hands and collect autographs.

The papers here are making a great deal of fun of the Soviet charge that the United States has destroyed crops in Western Germany by introducing potato bugs there.

This afternoon, former French Ambassador to the United States, Count de Saint Quentin, and M. Charles-Roux, another former Ambassador now on the Suez Canal Board, came from France-Amerique to deliver a long letter on the subject of the French overseas possessions, and the "civilizing" mission the French have for generations performed in these territories. They want this letter forwarded to the Department.

Mr. William Bloch, President of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, called on me. I used to know his father, Paul Bloch, who died a few years ago, and who owned the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and the Toledo Blade.

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Paul Birdsall brought Joe Bryan in to see me.

Robert de Lesseps came [redacted] to ask whether I would like to lunch with Colonel Olivier sometime soon. I used to know Olivier during the war when he ran an Intelligence outfit with a clandestine radio station from a nunnery. He is quite an extraordinary fellow. Joe Kingsbury Smith gave me some recent information INS [redacted] about affairs in Korea, which pending the American build-up are not going [redacted] brilliantly. He was succeeded by Harold Callender with views along the same line.

To-night, Turner, John Kelly, Peasie, Audrey and myself went to the Théatre Marigny to see the Rolland Petit ballets. The first was [redacted] "Demoiselle de la Nuit", the next "Musical Chairs" and the final one, "Carmen". The first was good, the second excellent, and the last a real triumph. It was the first night, the audience an enthusiastic one, and we saw lots of friends during the long entr'acte.

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Wednesday, July 12, 1950.

Tommy, Timmons, Eldridge, Woodie Wallner, Tyler and myself had a talk this morning about the French political situation. Hervé Alphand came in to see me at 12 o'clock. He is anxious that Schuman, probably accompanied by the Minister of Finance and Minister of National Defense, should go to the United States as soon as possible and discuss the question of the rearmament of Europe, in view of the changes brought about as a result of the war in Korea. He thinks the British should send a similar delegation. He does not believe the deputies of NATO can handle this affair, and is pessimistic over the conference of those deputies scheduled for July 25th in London.

I went to lunch with M. and Mme. d'Estaing, 101 avenue Henri Martin to meet the Emperor Bao Dai and his wife. She is beautiful, and seems sweet, I had a good talk with Bao Dai alone after lunch and found him keen, quick and intelligent. We arranged

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to meet later in the day.

I saw Mrs. Truman's friend, Mrs. Stewart, this afternoon, then Woodie, Bill Gibson and myself went to 89 avenue de Villiers to meet Bao Dai. He was alone and our conversation ranged over a wide variety of topics. He observed that the French have not implemented the March 8th Accords according to their promises, and he has been constantly frustrated in his attempt to subsitute n ive functionaries for the French civil servants in Indochina. He says the French civil servants are still far more numerous there than they were before the war. He is also disgruntled over all the native troops being under French command, and favors the immediate establishment of military academies for the training of officers and non-commissioned officers, - at present there is only one such academy in the country. He went into military matters in considerable detail, and his story is at variance in important particulars with what is

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reported to us by Pignon and General Carpentier.

We expect to check into this further for, from every point of view, the faster French troops can be withdrawn and replaced by native troops, the better it is for all concerned. He was non-committal as to the date of his return to Indochina, and did not say whether or not the Empress would accompany him.

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Thursday, July 13, 1950

Clay Hollister, head of the Industry Division of ECA France, told me goodbye this morning. Jouett Shouse came to call. Princess Fatima with her husband, Mr. Hillyer, inquired as to whether it would be possible for him to preserve his American citizenship while at the same time becoming an Iranian citizen. Their recent marriage was accompanied by considerable publicity, and was against the wishes of her brother, the Shah. The Shah is now insisting that Hillyer become an Iranian citizen, since the effect of the marriage has been to stimulate Communist attacks upon the royal family. Hillyer has already embraced the Moslem faith, but is [redacted] anxious to retain his American citizenship. They are going back to Tehran in September, and we have advised him to try to postpone any decision until that date, when he can take it up with the Shah. I had a pleasant lunch today with Horace Reed at the Restaurant Le Doyen on the Champs Elysees. I had not seen him for a long time. Ike Stokes, [redacted] Acting Head of OSR, came to see me, especially to discuss what plans might be evolved for the evacuation of

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Americans from France in the event of a direct attack here by the Russians. I went to see Jean Monnet, who had Hervé Alphand with him. The Schuman Plan is thus far in excellent shape. We also talked about the advisability of a reexamination of the Western European Arms Program in the hope of arriving at a result that would instill more confidence in the people of Europe as to their ability to defend themselves against Russian aggression than is the case at present. The success thus far of the North Koreans has stimulated the belief in Europe that the type of armament [redacted] now being sent here would not be effective against Soviet [redacted] armour.

We had a large reception at the house tonight, having asked about 600 people. It was a clear day, so between the garden and the house there was not too much crowding. I took Audrey tonight to dinner at Yvonne et André on the Rue Boissy d'Anglas. She is a [redacted] sweet child and it is wonderful having her here.

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Friday, July 14, 1950

I left the house this morning at 9 o'clock in a frock coat, [redacted] silk hat and umbrella to attend the annual review of troops on the Champs Elysees which takes place each July 14th. Bastille Day is a holiday in France. It was [redacted] lucky I had my umbrella for it rained without cessation. The troops were drenched, and the members of the Diplomatic Corps hardly less so. President Auriol made a spectacular progress in an open car, without a hat, dressed in a white tie and tail coat, up and down the Avenue. The amount of equipment seemed to me [redacted] considerably greater than it had been last year, although, because of the overcast sky, there were fewer airplanes. The new Prime Minister, René Pleven, was there with most of his Cabinet. The ceremony lasted until about 11:30, when the Diplomatic Corps went to the Elyseée to pay their respects to the President and Madame Auriol. I then came to the office. This afternoon E., Audrey and myself took the boys for a walk in the St. Cloud park. Unfortunately, we had hardly got [redacted] under way when there was a deluge from the skies.

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George Perkins called me tonight to say that Phil Bonsal, on whom we had so much counted, would have to stay in the Department, and he suggested Charles Yost as replacement for him. Woodie stopped by at the house and we discussed this problem.

The constant rains, thunderstorms and hail which have been raging for the last six weeks have caused great damage to the crops in France. It is said that as much as 200,000 acres of cereal, fruit and vineyard land have been [redacted] adversely affected, and in some districts the crops are a total loss. I noticed between Paris and Rambouillet that almost half the wheat has been flattened out, and in the Versailles park the rain and wind damage is almost catastrophic. E., Peasie, Audrey and I had dinner tonight and later made a tour of the city where the monuments were brightly illuminated and there were many displays of fireworks. There had been the usual preparations for street dancing, but unfortunately most of them came to nothing because of the rain.

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Saturday, July 15, 1950.

Spent the morning at the office. I talked to George Perkins in Washington in the afternoon and [redacted] he reiterated that Phil Bonsal is to be assigned to the Department and will not be coming here. This leaves us [redacted] short-handed, especially with Chip away for an indefinite period.

E., Audrey and I went out to walk the boys in the park of Saint Cloud this afternoon. We were caught in a blinding hail storm, and took refuge in a drinking shack where we had some old Normandy cider.

The number of people coming to see me at the Embassy is [redacted] great. The following is a list of the callers with whom I had interviews in the month of June, and does not include any of the individuals under the Embassy jurisdiction or most of the United States Government visitors, or any visitors or guests at the Residence.

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Sunday, July 16, 1950.

I spent the morning in the office. The bad news from Korea is beginning to have a marked influence on French public opinion, especially engendering skepticism as to whether the type of materiel scheduled for shipment to France under the MDAP program would be efficacious in the event of aggression by the Soviets against Western Europe. We sent off long cables on this subject, and also on the latest British attack against the Schuman plan.

This afternoon Peasie, Audrey and I went down to Versailles to see whether the damage caused by the storm last week had been repaired. This has for the most part been accomplished, and there only remains slate tiles to be replaced. The caretaker told me that the hail during the storm had completely covered the court, and the stones themselves were as large as eggs. A great deal of foliage was ripped from the trees, and the floors of the house are covered with soot driven down through the chimneys.

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Monday, July 17, 1950

I saw Julian K. Morrison of Rome, Georgia, this morning. He is a young friend of John Hughes, and wants to get a job on a Paris newspaper.

I took Audrey to lunch at the Restaurant de la Mediterrannée. Afterwards I saw Lt. General Chidlaw, the commanding General of Wright Field, and also General Craig the Inspector General.

I talked on the telephone to Chip in Washington, and attended to various office affairs before going home.

We had a 16 mm movie at the house to-night with James Stewart starring in North 777.

There has been a [redacted] calm feeling on the part of our citizens here in regard to events in Korea, and there have been [redacted] few cancellations of reservations and display of hurry to get home. We had between June 27 and July 19 only 341 calls on this subject by Americans. We have, however, been running an office to receive complaints from Communists about our stand in Korea.

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They have been quite orderly,but have been coming

here in droves.

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Tuesday, July 18, 1950.

I called Phil Perlman in London this morning and he is coming over next week.

Maurice Léon, accompanied by Maître Charpentier of the Paris Bar, came in to talk to me about the Olivar case. M. François from Poitiers, a friend of M. Poulain of Nicolas, called to see whether there was any possibility of his returning to some such work with the Americans as he had done for OSS during the war.

I had lunch with Robert and Betty de Lesseps at 72 rue de Longchamps, Neuilly. Colonel Olivier (Claude Arnould) who is also called by several other names, was there. I had known him for a long time and he was one of the best of all Secret Service agents during the war. He is gloomy about the present situation, and thinks [redacted] a large propaganda drive should be directed against the Communists in France.

This afternoon, I saw Gordon Michler whose father is a friend of mine. He is a fine looking young man and

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is recovering from a bad attack of infantile paralysis. Earle Packer, [redacted] retiring as Consul General in Tunis, came to see me. Afterwards, I called on M. Jules Moch at the Ministry of Defense and had a long talk with him about the rearmament program. Next, I saw Preston Grover, [redacted] then at seven o'clock went to see M. Schuman at his request. He gave me a long document, which he considered of great urgency and importance, for transmission to the Department, and expressed his views in considerable detail regarding various points raised in the paper. He believes the United States, the United Kingdom and France must from now on maintain a much closer liaison than ever before; that we must make agreements on policy [redacted] in advance of [redacted] events so [redacted] we will not be called upon so frequently to make policy improvisations in the face of faits accomplis.

I took Peasie, Audrey, Woodie and Turner to dinner at the Cercle Interallié, and later we saw "Le Père

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Tranquil". Although I had seen this movie only recently I was delighted to be at another showing of it.

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Wednesday, July 19, 1950.

Our Consular Conference opened this morning with representatives from each establishment in France, as well as our Consul General from Algiers. Lane Timmons brought in Mr. Baum to see me. He is head of the French desk in ECA Washington. Peasie, Audrey and I lunched with Turner at his apartment on rue du Cherche Midi, and afterwards I stopped for a moment to see Evangeline who is leaving for the hospital.

Lieutenant Breckinridge came in to introduce his successor Captain Mample. Afterwards Eleanor Schwarz called, and I gave her a lecture about her [redacted] politeness at the airport before returning her passport to her.

I saw M. de Martellière, President of the Rochambeau Committee, who wanted to discuss the replacement of a statue of Rochambeau at Vendôme [redacted] taken away during the war by the Germans. Mr. Makinsky of Coca-Cola came to see me in regard to that company's business. David McDonald of the United Steel Workers called.

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He is [redacted] attractive man and we had a good talk about [redacted] labor matters in Europe. Lincoln Gordon and Henry Tasca of OSR discussed the Schuman Plan as well as other economic affairs. [redacted] Gordon is going home shortly to serve on Averell Harriman's staff. Harold Callender came to see me, and to-night I took Audrey to see "Gone With the Wind" [redacted] at 41 Faubourg Saint Honoré. I had not seen it for ten years and followed it with enthralled interest. During the intermission we had sandwiches with the "boys" in the garden.

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Thursday, July 20, 1950.

Phil Bonsal has just returned from Washington and came to see me this morning. We are sorry [redacted] he is being assigned to the Department instead of, as we had expected, to this Embassy. Mr. Jernegan, Consul General at Tunis, called on me and afterwards Bill Hayter, Chargé d'Affaires at the British Embassy, who wanted to discuss the Foreign Office note given us the night before last.

Randolph Burgess of the National City Bank, Allan Temple and Harvey Gerry of the same bank, came to see me. I had lunch in the office with Audrey, and afterwards saw Hervé Alphand, who was yesterday assigned as French Deputy on the NATO Deputies organization, which is to hold its first meeting on Monday in London.

Mr. Willard Ide Hamilton of New Jersey, [redacted] an active speaker on foreign affairs, called on me. Sidney Delarue who was lately associated with Ed Stettinius's Liberian venture and more recently still

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was down in Peru on an exchange stabilization operation, came to see me. Mr. Frank Goldman, President of B'nai B'rith called and I was photographed with him, - for what reason, I do not know. Charles Dewey came in, and then John Leacacos of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Geoffrey Parsons brought in Bert Andrews and Ned Russell.

I had a reception at the house to-night for a lot of people, including fifty members of the Parsons School of Design.

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Friday, July 21, 1950

A hectic morning at the office, capped by a midday visit to Jules Moch at the Defense Ministry, where we talked of the meeting at Fontainebleau two days ago of the Brussels Pact Ministers of Defense. He is going to London next week, and Montgomery, de Lattre, Shinwell and himself will have a conference with Spofford.

Audrey, the boys and I took the 1:20 p.m. train at Gare St. Lazare for Deauville. We had a pleasant lunch of sandwiches, and were at the cottage by five o'clock, after having been greeted at the station by the Mayor and Sub Prefect. I found Nursie, Sasha and David all [redacted] sprightly, and the children well browned by the sun and salt air. The chaumière is sparsely furnished, [redacted] ugly, but ideal for our purposes, being only two blocks from the [redacted] gently-shelving beach. It has many windows, and one has the impression of living out of doors.

Audrey and I went to dinner at the Inn of William the Conqueror at Dives, which is said to have been a hostelry as

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early as 1066. I had never been before, although I had read Hopkinson Smith's book about it and had always wanted to visit it. The interior and the garden are both quaint and beautiful. It is now kept by a granddaughter of the last proprietor of the famous but long defunct Café Anglais at Paris. There were few diners, it being still early in the season. We had delicious food, especially the sole meunière, fresh from the Channel.

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Saturday, July 22, 1950.

The weather in Deauville has been, I am told, unusually [redacted] harsh this summer. But this morning was hot and sunny. We all went to the beach, only leaving at lunchtime which Audrey and I took Chez Mahu at Villerville, a few kilometres from Deauville. There we had wonderful fresh shrimps, poulet de bresse and a bottle of Clos des Goisses, [redacted] Raymond Baudouin, the famous wine expert, happened to be there, and we had a good chat with him as well as with the amiable proprietor who had once been the chef of Oliver Iselin in New York.

We acquired more sunburn this afternoon, before I called on the Director of the Casino, M. André, who had kindly sent me a huge tray of peaches and an armful of flowers. He gave me tickets, reserved a table for the gala tonight and introduced me to the Director of the gambling establishment, where I dropped in ten minutes all the money I was willing to lose.

Tonight Audrey and I dined at the Casino. There were two orchestras playing in the huge room, and the meal did not get

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under way until about ten o'clock. Audrey is a delightful companion, so natural, and enthusiastic, [redacted] with an inquisitive [redacted] appetite for food and wine. I only hope she is enjoying her stay here as much as I love having her.

Before dinner, Milt Katz had called me from New York to say [redacted] he would come over to the Deputies meeting in London.

M. André is an attractive man. He [redacted] kindly took Audrey through the gambling rooms, which are forbidden to those under twenty-one, [redacted] then installed us in the bar, where we were soon joined by Julian Allen and some of his charming French relations.

We got to bed about 1:30.

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Sunday, July 23, 1950

[redacted] disappointing weather this morning - intermittent rain and high winds. We tried the beach, but retired in disorder. We went to Quetteville for lunch with Julian and Alice Allen. Their house is so attractive, late 17th century, and looking very William and Mary. Woodie telephoned me there from Paris, saying an [redacted] important cable had arrived, and [redacted] I better return, instead of leaving tomorrow from Deauville for London. So we left our nice hosts rather incontinently, packed, put Robert, boys and baggage into the station wagon, and set out for Paris. The roads were crowded, but we made the journey in three and a half hours.

Woodie, Turner, Bill Tyler, Phil Bonsal, Lane Timmons and Tommy came to dinner and we discussed the famous cable, which bade the European nations [redacted] gird themselves for an expanded rearmament effort.

At ten I went over to the Hotel Matignon to apprise Prime Minister Pleven of its contents. Thence to the office to compose a telegram, and home to bed at 1:30.

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Monday, July 24, 1950

Woodie came to the house at nine, [redacted] then Phil Bonsal drove to the airport with me. We were delayed taking off by a radio to the plane that an important letter was on its way to me. It was from Tommy about the Schuman Plan.

We got off around ten thirty, and had a rather rough trip to Northolt on a C-47 borrowed from the AAF in Germany, our own plane being laid up for repairs.

It is sunny in England this morning, but [redacted] windy, and our flight took two hours.

I went straight to 14 Princes Gate, [redacted] to lunch with Lew, Julius Holmes and Chuck Spofford. We had a long talk. After stopping by the Embassy I went to Thomas Lumley and to Rochelle Thomas where I made some purchases - flat silver of a Georgian pattern to fill out our set in Paris, and a Sevres cachepot with the Du Barry intials.

Dined at Bucks, went to Nancy Lancaster's house, 18 A Charles St., and early to bed. The family is in the country.

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Tuesday, July 25, 1950

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Talked to Jim Clarke on the telephone, [redacted] then went to the Embassy. Lunched there with Phil Perlman, who is having a marvellous time with prominent British members of the legal profession.

Turner and I left London at 2:30 and [redacted] took off from Northolt about 3:15, arriving at Orly about 4:45. I was supposed to make a speech at a French Infantile Paralysis Foundation but was too late to do so. I worked at the office, then went to see E. at the Hospital. She was better than a few days ago but still [redacted] uncomfortable.

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Wednesday, July 26, 1950.

I saw Trafford Klotz this morning who [redacted] kindly asked us to go to stay with him at Rochefort-en-Terre in Brittany.

M. Guindey and M. Clermont Tonnerre came in this morning, and I told them of my conversation with Messrs. Léon and Charpentier about the Olivar case, namely, that I would on no account intervene in it except upon instructions from the State Department, but that I had said [redacted] I would myself tell M. Guindey of the present status of the case. M. Guindey stated categorically that the Ministry of Finance would enter into "no transaction" on this subject, and [redacted] Mr. Olivar would have to present his arguments at the time of trial.

Phil Bonsal came over to see me and we talked about a further coordination between OSR and ourselves on the Schuman Plan.

Lauder Greenway came in and I was glad to see him.

The Greek Ambassador called with no definite object

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except to exchange views on the situation in France in the light of developments in Korea.

M. Pinay, Minister of Transport and Aviation, lunched with me to-day. He is an Independent in politics, and seems [redacted] a man of force.

Two Algerian deputies - Mohamed Kidar and Chokei Mustafei - who had insisted [redacted] I receive their visit, called this afternoon. Their object was rather an extraordinary one, [redacted] to enlist my interest in favor of the complete independence of Algeria. They have forwarded a similar request to the United Nations. I explained to them that, being accredited to the French Government, they could scarcely believe [redacted] I would express an opinion on this question.

Teddy White came to see me.

To-night, Peasie, Audrey and Lander Greenway had dinner with me, and afterwards we went to Monseigneur, to hear the string orchestra. Later on, I took the two girls to the Café de la Paix for onion soup and ice cream, which

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I think amused them. Pedsie is going off to-morrow to Sweden with Tish to a wedding. Audrey is enjoying herself, [redacted] Avis Bohlen asked her out to Senlis to-day, and later arranged for her to ride in [redacted] Chantilly Park. As her idea of heaven is to get on a horse, she was [redacted] happy.

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Thursday, July 27,1950.

I went this morning to call on M. Petsche at the Ministry of Finance and had a long talk with him about rearmament.

Assistant Surgeon Forsyth, his wife and daughter came to see me this morning and afterwards Mr. Goldthwaite Dorr and Mr. Tobin of the Migration Conference. Joe Bryan and Paul Birdsall came in. I had a sandwich for lunch, then saw Jack Kelly and Clem Brown of Pan American Airways who told me of their plans for flights in and from Paris as a result of the recent ruling permitting them to enter here.

André Geraud (Pertinax) talked to me in a pessimistic strain about the French. He is a difficult individual and at times an unpleasant one. Peter Prince came to investigate the possibilities of getting a job. I then saw Royall Tyler, and later Maynard Barnes, regarding the activities of the

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National Committee for a Free Europe.

I gave Gerald Mayer the manuscript of Sacha Guitry's play and he has promised to see what he can do regarding it.

David Schoenbrun brought in Howard Smith and Edmund Chester. They are having a conference here of all the CBS representatives in Europe, together with some of their officials from New York.

Chuck Spofford called me on the telephone to-night, and is thinking of coming over here shortly.

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Friday, July 28, 1950.

General Richards came in this morning to report on what seems to be the bad conduct of one of the air officers in his organization. This officer is formally charged with having beaten his landlady, the widow of a former Chef de Cabinet of M. Poincaré. He, his wife and children are also accused of having used abusive and indecent language to various French people in the house where they occupy an apartment. The accusations continue and include non-payment of bills.

Milt Katz called me from London this morning to say he will be over here on Sunday.

I had lunch with Audrey in the office, and this afternoon saw Randolph Burgess of the National City Bank. My friend General Sir James Marshall Cornwall came to see me. He is the best type of the old school British officer. I saw a great deal of him during the war, when he was connected with

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Miss Stonestreet and some of her colleagues, who have been attending meetings of the International Federation of Women Lawyers, came in.

Chip called me from Washington to give me the welcome news that Phil Bonsal's assignment to Washington has been canceled and he will be transferred over to the Embassy. He had already given up the lease on his apartment, and made all his arrangements to go home.

Joe Gray and Ed Crouch discussed the problem of communications in the event of the outbreak of a European war.

Harold Callender came in to see me and later Eric Johnston with Gerry Mayer. I then saw Phil Bonsal and afterwards Preston Grover.

The last office act of the day was going over and approving an excellent 19 page telegram prepared by Tommy on the rearmament program as it may affect France. Prime Minister Pleven and Jean Monnet came

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to dinner with me. M. Pleven said [redacted] he thought he could state without being immodest that he was as determined as any man in France could be to achieve the rapid rearmament of this country. He felt [redacted] there were three principal things necessary in this regard. First the establishment of the common fund idea, second an agreement upon the distribution and allocation of military forces, and third a pegging of foreign exchange rates.

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Saturday, July 29, 1950.

I went over to see M. Parodi this morning to discuss with him instructions from the State Department to urge the French to join with us im appointing a United Nations committee with [redacted] competence to make surveys at various danger points of possible aggression.

I took Audrey this afternoon to a dress showing at Jean Dessès, and afterwards for a few minutes to the house at Versailles.

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Sunday, July 30, 1950

At the office all morning. I went this afternoon at three o'clock to meet Milt Katz and some of his staff at the Hotel Talleyrand. I remained there until 7.15, when I went over to see M. Parodi to talk about a [redacted] matters of common interest. After stopping at the office to send cables, I had dinner with Milt Katz.

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Monday, July 31, 1950

I went this morning to Mary Allez's funeral at the Pro-Cathedral. It was a[n] [redacted] affecting ceremony and a great tribute to the remarkable influence [redacted] she had over su[ch] a great number of people of all classes.

I saw George Gordon who retired some years ago from the Diplomatic Service. [redacted] M. Alphand came to lunch with me and told me about the proceedings in London. He is [redacted] favorably impressed by Spofford. I saw Myron Taylor for a short time this afternoon. At 5.30 Bill Koren and I went to call on M. Pleven. We had a meeting there with Moch, Petsche, Alphand, Parodi, Guindey and Calvet. It was long and interesting and I prepared a cable about it to-night for the Department.

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Tuesday, August 1, 1950

M. Pignon came in this morning and spent an hour talking of Indochina. He expects the Viet Minh to launch an offensive in considerable strength during September. Violet Cripps came to the office. Her boy has just had a [redacted] bad automobile smash-up and will be for a couple of months in the American Hospital. Mr. Thomas Ryan, a [redacted] lawyer from Denver, Colorado, with letters of introduction from his two senators, came to see me.

I had lunch in the office, and afterwards Phil Bonsal called, [redacted] then Maître Charpentier in connection with the Olivar case. I saw Norman Littel from Washington, who is considering a legal employment offered him to work on French American investments in the oversaeas territories. / Buddy [redacted] Marshall came to see me, and then M. Muhlstein, brother-in-law of [redacted] de Rothschild with a long article [redacted] he has written for a magazine to counter some of the current attacks

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by French intellectuals against America.

Harold Callender came in to-night, then I went at the invitation of M. Charles Roux to the Suez Canal offices to meet the Egyptian Prime Minister, He is in bad health and is spending several months in France consulting French doctors. He seemed an realistic individual.

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Wednesday, August 2, 1950.

Lew Douglas called me early this morning to say that Tom Lamont's 13-year-old daughter had contracted infantile paralysis and is at the American Hospital. Peggy is coming over urtil the parents arrive.

Lloyd Hyde stopped in to see me this morning. He has just rented a house in Portugal. A Marine colonel called on me. He is making an investigation of the Marine establishments in Europe. Viola Ilma came in in connection with the International Children's Center. Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Chicago, friends of Howard McGrath and Tom Clark, called.

I had lunch with Jean Monnet, Phil Bonsal and Spirenberg of the Dutch Delegation to OEEC.

John Peter Thelen visited me this afternoon to ask whether he could get into the American Intelligence Service and use his knowledge of the Finnish language on its behalf. As I could throw no light on such employment, he is returning to Beirut. General Haddy with some of

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his officers had a talk with us this afternoon.

Chip returned about lunch time and we are [redacted] happy to have him back.

I went to see M. Pleven in connection with [redacted] testimony which Mr. Acheson is likely to give before Congress to-day to the effect that the United States expects to make use of the non-military production capacity of Germany in connection with the rearmament program. M. Pleven was in accord with this idea, but hoped there would be no publicity regarding it before his Parliament adjourns at the end of the week.

Ronnie and Marietta Tree, Michael and Ann Tree, came to the house to-night on their way out to the Duff Coopers. They are leaving for Venice to-morrow.

Mrs. Alfred Knopf arrived a little later bringing with her an invitation to a party on February 1,1950. She has just come [illegible] is and had become confused about dates.

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During dinner, M. Parodi called me in a high state of excitement over the message I had conveyed to M. Pleven this afternoon. He said [redacted] M. Schuman was greatly alarmed over the effect [redacted] this testimony might have in France. I telephoned his comments to Doc Matthews in Washington and Chuck Spofford in London.

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Glad as I am to have a man of Parsons competence here, it is a painful wrench to part from Mary and Barry Bingham. They and their children constitute an ideal family. Barry seems to have every good gift of personality and character, and to [redacted] be wholly unaware of his charm and popularity. I love and admire him. He has done a brilliant job for ECA.

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Thursday, August 3,1950.

Francis Grant came in this morning to talk to me about resigning from the Foreign Service and t[illegible]ing a job in private industry in Philadelphia. He expects to leave on August 31st. I talked to Huntington Gilchrist of OSR about Brookings Institute matters. We are both trustees of that institution. Also about the effect of a rearmament program on ECA operations. I then went to see Henry Parkman sworn in and photographed as the new Chief of ECA Mission France. He is an uncle of Marietta Tree. Chip gave Woodie and myself a briefing on the situation in Washington, [redacted] After that Mr. Denning, the Far Eastern expert of the British Foreign Office and Bill Hayter came to see us in regard to our tripartite meeting with the French this afternoon.

I had lunch in the office and afterwards Bill Humphreys called on me.

We went over to the Foreign Office where we had a

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good meeting which will be resumed to-morrow. I then went to see Jean Monnet to exchange views with him on some of the rearmament problems. I got home just in time to see Peggy Douglas, who had stopped by on her way to catch the night train to London.

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Friday, August 4, 1950.

I talked to Chuck Spofford in London this morning, [redacted] then went to a lunch at the Foreign Office given by M. Parodi for the members of our Tripartite Conference group, plus High Commissioner Pignon and General Richards.

I had a long talk with Bill Donovan this afternoon [redacted] then accompanied Chip and Woodie to the conference which lasted until about eight o'clock. Chip made an admirable presentation of our Government's views on a [redacted] variety of questions under consideration.

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Saturday, August 5, 1950.

Senator Cain of Washington came in this morning. He is over here to investigate the operations of the Military Assistance Program.

This afternoon, Alphand brought me the draft of the proposed French note in reply to the US Government's request as to what the French Government would undertake to do in the field of rearmament.

John Rockefeller III and his attractive wife, and one of Joe Kennedy's boys, as well as a nephew, came to the house late in the afternoon.

To-night we received officially from the French Government a copy of the reply which Alphand had previously discussed with me. This was given to me by M. Pleven at his office, and Woodie, Turner, a secretary and myself remained until about one o'clock at night getting it translated and discussing it.

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Sunday, August 6, 1950.

At the office this morning. This afternoon Chip, Lane Timmon[illegible]die and Bill Tyler came to the house, where we discussed the French document.

Chuck Spofford arrived at about six o'clock to spend the night and we had a long and interesting talk with him about the operations of the Deputies in London.

Chip, John Cooper, Spofford and myself had dinner together and a satisfactory talk afterwards.

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Monday, August 7, 1950.

I came down to the office with Chuck Spofford. Jean Monnet visited us for a talk. Afterwards I had a lunch at the house for Spofford, Senator Cooper, Prime Minister Pleven, Parodi and Alphand. We had a long and interesting conversation on the subject of French rearmament.

Lansing Warren of the New York Times came to see me this afternoon to discuss the French answer, [redacted] released at noon today, to our request for information as to what the various members of the Atlantic Treaty organization would do about rearmament. The French are undertaking to raise 15 new divisions with supplementary troops. The total cost of this operation would be two trillion francs or about five billion 715 million dollars. How the expenses of these outlays would be divided between the French and other nations remains to be determined. The present French budget figures for military defense are about 500 billion francs as stated in their memorandum, which represents about 8.2 percent of their national

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income. Actually our Treasury section estimates that they are spending in excess of 630 billion francs a year at the present time. For political reasons, as has been customary in the past, large sums [redacted] spent on defense are hidden in civil budgets.

This afternoon I saw Joe Kingsbury Smith on the same subject.

John Ford is here from Hollywood for a short visit, and I had a [redacted] enjoyable time with him. Allen Dulles came [redacted] to see me to-night. He is an extremely well-informed and attractive man for whom I have always had great admiration and affection.

Audrey had her last dinner in Paris to-night with me, and it was a [redacted] good one with all [redacted] her favorite dishes. We hate to have her leave as she is so sweet and companionable.

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Tuesday, August 8, 1950.

General Cannon came in to see me this morning about the case of Colonel Rich which we discussed at some length.

Jack McCloy flew in from London and later came to lunch with me, together with Bob Bowie and Chip. He wants us to send a cable on the subject of using Germans in connection with European rearmament. It is a tricky question.

Tom Lamont stopped in to see me this afternoon, intensely relieved [redacted] that his daughter's attack of infantile paralysis has not left her in any degree crippled.

I had a long talk with Phil Bonsal. Afterwards, Ed Mellon, whom I had not seen for years, and his sister, Mrs. McClung, called on me.

When I arrived at home I found an ambulance in front of the door about to take E. over to the hospital. She had a hemorrhage this evening.

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Wednesday, August 9,1950.

This was the day [redacted] we were supposed to go off on a holiday to Trafford Klotz in Brittany. Since E. is in the hospital, we have [redacted] cancelled our plans. As a result, however, I had a [redacted] quiet day in the office as far as visitors were concerned.

I went to see E. at lunchtime and found her, as always, [redacted] cheerful and concealing.

We sent off a couple of well-considered cables on the subject of German rearmament, and to-night Mary and Howard Bruce had dinner with me. They arrived this afternoon on the America with the Jack Franklins.

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Thursday, August 10, 1950.

Jack Franklin came to see me this morning. He looks, as always, in the best physical condition. He was a Major General in the last war, and I presume will be called in again if the going gets rough.

I did a lot of office work to-day and this afternoon went to see M. Parodi. He brought up the question of a possible vote by the French for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations Security Council, in return for Chinese neutrality toward the Indochinese war, a matter they wish to explore through the British. I was gravely disturbed by this intention and upon returning to the office talked to Chip and Woodie, who regarded it as a catastrophic move. I called M. Parodi and went over to see him again to-night. He has promised to put off further action upon it until he can see M. Schuman who will return to-morrow from Strasbourg.

I went late this evening to see E. at the hospital. She was getting along well.

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Friday, August 11, 1950.

Jean Tillier (Debesse) came this morning in further regard to the case of Mrs. Dixon who had a wonderful record as a Secret Service agent during the war. She is French by birth, an American citizen by marriage, [redacted] is now practically indigent. He is anxious for her to obtain employment in some official American agency here.

Frank Schoonmaker called on me. He has been making a tour of Europe in connection with his wine business. He reports [redacted] the German vineyards are going full blast again and [redacted] there will be large quantities of wines [redacted] for export. For some years after the war, before the German recovery started, most of the wine produced in Germany was consumed there, as it was one of the few things purchaseable by people who, having no confidence in their currency, wished to spend instead of sav[redacted]

Arthur Compton of UNESCO gave me a [redacted] report this afternoon on their recent proceedings in Florence. Henry

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Field has just come here after a long trip through the Middle East in the course of which he made some [redacted] archaeological discoveries. He has [redacted] ideas about the way to gather intelligence in this area. He says there is widespread discontent in the Mohammedan populations subject to Russian control because of the exactions of the central government.

Senator Cain called. He is leaving to-morrow for Spain. We had another [redacted] talk about European defense.

Jack McCloy and Lew Douglas called me to-day about a possible meeting in London on Monday with a view to concerting our views about any possible use of German soldiers. We will probably postpone any such meeting until a later date.

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Saturday, August 12, 1950.

I went to see M. Parodi this morning regarding possible negotiations between the French and the Chinese Communists. They will not develop this matter further until they ascertain the Secretary's attitude. We therefore telegraphed him to-day outlining the subject to him.

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Sunday, August 13,1950.

At the office all morning.

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Monday, August 14, 1950.

This is a quiet day since to-morrow is a French public holiday. The streets are quite deserted.

Miss Florence Chadwick, who recently swam the Channel came in with her father to-day, and we had photographs taken together. She has been working for the American Arabian Oil Company in Saudi Arabia and had never before her recent feat swum a greater distance than ten miles.

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Tuesday, August 15,1950.

I had a long talk to-day at the office with

Jean Monnet.

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Wednesday, August 16, 1950.

Bob Thayer came to see me this morning, and afterwards I went to see M. Parodi in connection with the reply received from the Secretary in regard to my communication about the French concern over trying to reach some sort of an agreement with Mao Tse Tung. After leaving M. Parodi I went to see M. Pleven to discuss the same subject. I think and hope it will now be put on ice, and can be taken up at the next conference of Foreign Ministers in September. M. Pleven talked to me about a number of topics including the possibility of sending French troops to Korea, and the necessity of building up a large native force in Indochina, looking to the eventual withdrawal of French troops from that country.

Arthur Schlesinger came to see me this afternoon, afterwards Joe Baldwin (former Congressman) and Lansing Warren of the New York Times. I went with Tommy at 6.30 to see Jean Monnet and later returned to the office.

Evangeline is still in bed at home.

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We have had the quietest month from [redacted] a social standpoint since we have been in Paris. As a result, I have had an opportunity to do a lot of reading at night. In the last few days, I polished off Bedell Smith's book on his three years in Moscow, two volumes of Goncourt recollections, Freddy Morgan's "Overture to Overlord", "The Life of Trelawney" (friend of Shelly and Byron), the Memoires of Cardinal de Retz, and have at last finished Francis Taylor's "The Taste of Angels".

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Thursday, August 17, 1950.

I saw Sam Berger this morning. He is leaving the Embassy in London to go back to work with Averell. He is an able fellow and well informed.

The Turkish Ambassador came to [redacted] give me the latest news on the conversations by his Foreign Minister with Bevin and Schuman regarding Turkey's admission to the NAT/organization. His Minister [redacted] left in an optimistic mood, and is going over to New York in September to discuss the matter further with Schuman, Bevin and Acheson. [redacted]

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I saw Edgar Mowrer this afternoon, and afterwards Mr. S. Marshall Kempner, who had a letter from Dave Zellerbach. Later I saw Mr. Daniel Kempner with a letter from Senator Tom Connally, and next Preston James and his wife. Preston is a well-known historian, and had been for some years in the Research and Analysis Division of OSS.

I went to see M. Parodi, who gave me a second memorandum on rearmament. He also informed me that M. Schuman would

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discuss the question of contact with the Chinese Communists at the Foreign Ministers' meeting in September. Meanwhile this affair will lay dormant, which is a desirable [redacted] condition for it, [redacted].

To-night, I attended a reception given by the Indonesian Ambassador to celebrate their independence day. It was held [redacted] at 90 Boulevard de la Tour Maubourg which they have rented as an embassy. There were quite a number of people there, including [redacted] Sobolev Ambassador Pavlov who has not yet brought himself around to speaking to me. I suppose [redacted] one of these days he will pay a courtesy call, and then we will get on official terms. Meanwhile, General Vanier, the Vice Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, has told me to await Pavlov's approach, and to pay no attention to him until he has gone through the official rigmarole.

We were informed yesterday afternoon by [redacted] a Frenchman that he had overheard two North Africans

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and a Frenchman discussing the advantages of bombing the American Embassy. Their plan apparently was to bring into the building, sometime between Friday and Saturday morning, a suitcase with a bomb inside. The North African accepted the offer in return for a promise of payment of two hundred thousand francs. This matter was reported to the Prefecture of Police and there will be a police inspector posted inside the Embassy in civilian clothes for the next couple of days. This is probably just a lot of talk.

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Friday, August 18, 1950.

I did some useful work for myself this morning. I had a hair cut, went to a picture exhibition at the Charpentier Gallery, lunched at the Travellers' Club, and tried on some clothes at Zeff the t[illegible]or.

Jack Harris (formerly of OSS) and Phil Bonsal came to see me. We had a meeting of the heads of different divisions to consider drawing up efficiency [redacted] reports. There was lots of office work but comparative calm. The news from Korea to-day is bad. We have done a lot of telephoning back and forth across the Atlantic in the last few days on various matters. I went to see M. Parodi this evening.

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Saturday, August 19, 1950

At the office this morning. M. Pleven called to say [redacted] he was [redacted] pleased and grateful for the President's statement of approval yesterday of the French program of rearmament.

We left Orly at 2 p.m. - Evangeline, Brucie, Marie Louise Bousquet, Carmel Snow (Harper's Bazaar) Denise and myself. It was a two and a half hour flight, against head winds, to the excellent military airport of Mont de Marsan. Eugène met us there, and we had a beautiful drive, through country slightly reminiscent of parts of South Carolina, to Biarritz. Here we are installed in the Hotel du Palais, an enlargement of Napoleon and Eugénie's villa. We have a bedroom, bath and sitting-room, facing the Atlantic, and the roll of the surf is glorious.

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Sunday, August 20, 1950

We spent most of this morning on the beach in a blazing hot sun with Marie Louise and Carmel. We motored to Guéthary where we had a delicious lunch at Chez Jacqueline, a small Basque restaurant. The langouste tails with white [redacted] wine were especially good.

We ran into numbers of friends in our hotel lobby - the Windsors, Elsa Maxwell, Elinor Schwartz, Audrey Bouverie, M. Darrachin (Deputé from Paris), Mme de la Falaise.

E. rested while I went back to the beach, and read Sainte-Beuve.

Tonight E and I had dinner at Chez Jacqueline. Brewster is miserable; he loathes the beach, with its vagrant dogs, he dislikes his food, detests the noise of the waves, and goes around looking pitiful.

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Monday, August 21, 1950

On the beach in the morning. E was fatigued, so I went off to lunch with Marie Louise and Carmel at an enchanting restaurant called Bonnet-Atchenia in Biriaton just across the border from Spain. Perfect lunch with a Basque omelette, a Basque chicken and vin rosé de Béarn. It was raining hard when we left there so we stopped at St. Jean de Luz and spent a leisurely hour [redacted] buying the coarse native striped linen for table cloths and napkins. We got back to Biarritz at 6:30, where I found E and Bru at the coiffeur's under the dryer, talking to Dolly Dorellis.

Balenciaga came over from San Sebastien tonight for dinner, but missed us through the stupidity of the concierge, and returned to Spain. Marie Louise took us and Carmel to dinner at Le Petit Vatel in Biarritz. Afterwards, the two ladies deliberately missed their train and proposed a descent upon Balenciaga tomorrow.

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Tuesday, August 22, 1950

The four of us and Brewster, left at one o'clock in the station wagon, and after various frontier difficulties reached Balenciaga's mountain retreat, outside San Sebastian, at three o'clock. I have seldom met so charming a man. We ate fresh sardines and breast of tunny fish grilled in the open over charcoal, before proceeding to a more serious lunch of codfish and chicken, and a succession of local wines. He has a stone peasant house overlooking the ocean and the village where he was born. His interest in dressmaking started at the age of six. I had politely admired his white linen jacket. Just as we were leaving he insisted [redacted] I try it on and then that I accept it as a gift.

We got home at 8, E very tired. I took Audrey Bouverie to di[redacted] the Restaurant Winston (named for Winston Churchill, who frequents it when he is here). It has a superb view of the Atlantic and a crack cuisine. We had langouste, eggs benedictine and crepes Suzette. It was sunny this morning and rained all afternoon.

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Wednesday, August 23, 1950.

Sunny this morning on the beach. I had a drink in the bar with my cousin Herbert Brune (and his wife) whom I had not seen for twenty years. Then E and I lunched at the Winston on freshly-caught sole. This afternoon it rained, and I spent an hour or so talking to Madame Marie Canton, a famous local antiquaire. She has few good things left, and does not want to sell those she has because of the difficulty of replacing her stock. I bought a small enamel plaque that had belonged to Edmond Rostand for 8,000 francs.

At eight-thirty tonight we left for Cambo, where the Windsors had asked us to dinner with Marjorie and Bob Wilson, and Mary Abercrombie, at the Relais France-Espagne. It was [redacted] enjoyable. The Windsors are excellent hosts, with a solicitude for their guests' tastes and comfort that never fails.

We got home at midnight.

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Thursday, August 24, 1950.

This hotel is teeming with friends and acquaintances - too much so to have a proper rest. I have been studying French grammars, and doing lots of reading.

It is cloudy this morning. We have just received yesterday's papers, and I am delighted [redacted] the French Government has offered an infantry detachment for Korea, a step [redacted] I have strongly advocated, in spite of their tremendous commitment in Indochina.

We had lunch out of doors at a restaurant called the Auberge, near the Chambre d'Amour, the [redacted] appropriate name given to a beach development near Anglet.

This afternoon was rainy, and I took a swim in the salt water pool of the Chambre d'Amour.

To-night we went to a dinner given by Elsa Maxwell in the hotel. The Windsors, Mrs. Donahue and Jimmy, and half a dozen others. It was [redacted] pleasant.

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Friday, August 25,1950.

Beautiful day. This morning we went to the Chambre d'Amour beach, Motored to Ascain where we had a perfect lunch at the Restaurant Etchola. This afternoon we swam off the hotel beach, and had dinner in our room.

I saw Madame Canton this afternoon and chattered with her inconclusively over some Directoire garden furniture.

Evangeline must have motored too far to-day, or perhaps it was the swimming. She was violently ill all night.

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Saturday, August 26, 1[illegible]

This morning I was stricken with the same malady as E., so it must have been a touch of ptomaine poisoning. For a cure I took myself to the Restaurant Winston, ate a steak, drank a carafe of vin rosé and then went swimming.

Slightly recovered. I dined to-night with the Windsors at the Restaurant Pazzaza, conducted by a patron of enormous girth who was once pelota champion of France, a title to which his son has succeeded. The Wilsons, Kitty and Gilbert Miller, Elsa Maxwell, and several other Americans were there, - the rest of the guests except the Duchess of Argyll were Spanish, the Duque d'Albuquerque (looking like a Velasquez Bourbon), the Duke of Salamanca, etc. I've never tasted better food, especially the rognons flambés. Wallis had done the little place over for the occasion.

About one o'clock we went to the Bellevue casino, and I got home about two thirty.

E. spent the whole day in bed, quite ill.

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Sunday, August 27, 1950.

We were both cured this morning and went to the beach. It is a perfect day, sunny, with a fresh wind.

We lunched at Winston's and spent the afternoon in the sea.

We went in the late afternoon to the Montiz (She is a Canadian; I had known her years ago when she was Marquise de Potago). She has a charming playhouse on her villa grounds, with swimming pool, tennis court, etc. There were a couple of hundred guests - mostly Spanish, amongst them the Infanta (Princess Torlonia). She is pleasant; [redacted], this was her first trip to the Basque coast [redacted] nineteen years.

From there we went to dinner at Pazzaza.

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Monday, August 28,1950.

A beautiful morning. I walked through the old Port, bought a beret and a Basque game called "Jakota", and swam off one of the far beaches.

It rained hard this afternoon. I went to see the Duke of Windsor at six and had a long talk with him. I feel sorry for him. They are both rather pathetic, to my way of thinking. Previously, I had gone to Bayonne, visited the fine cathedral, and wandered through the ancient part of the town.

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Tuesday, August 29,1950.

Sunny all day and spent most of it on the beach, except for lunch at the Auberge near Chambre d'Amour.

Dined to-night at Marjorie and Bob Wilson's villa, with the Windsors and a French couple. Basque dishes - Lobster with rice, duck with orange - [redacted] all good.

Bob is sixty-eight, [redacted] hale, a fine sportsman and naval officer, also a first rate judge of cigars and cognac. The Duke calls Elsa Maxwell "Miss Mi[redacted]ell".

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Wednesday, August 30,1950.

We left Biarritz at noon on this hot sunny day and motored to the airfield at Mont de Marsan. En route we bought a bottle of wine and had a picnic lunch on the plane, which took off about 2.15 from the [redacted] fine military airport, where they are experimenting with [redacted] new and interesting Radar apparatus. We were about two hours and a quarter in flight to Caen. Michel met us there and we drove to Deauville stopping at Dives to buy [redacted] Normandy pottery.

We found Nursie, the children and Carlos in high feather and had supper with them. The weather here is damp and cold.

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Thursday, August 31,1950.

It rained all night. I got up at seven this morning and left at eight with Marcel Boussac to visit his stud farm at Fresnay. We drove there, passing through the badly-battered, picturesque town of Falaise, at breakneck speed. It rained violently most of the morning. His establishment is perfection. Huge old trees, deep lush pastures, white cement fences, picturesque barns and cottages, a gem of a small chateau with ornamental lake and flowers everywhere about it.

I have never seen such horses or anything like Boussac's knowledge and memory for breeding and for individual animals. In series, numbers of two year olds, then yearlings, and finally forty-six mares with foals, were liberated, and we watched them gallop in various large enclosures. Every blood line I had ever heard of was represented. At the end we saw the stallions -

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Pharis (who had been taken by the Germans during the war and recuperated in 1945), Whirlaway (recently arrived from the United States) and others.

Altogether it was a horseman's dream of a day of delight. We lunched there and arrived back at Deauville about 6 p.m. in the rain.

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Friday, September 1,1950.

The racing ended here last Sunday and immediately afterwards the fashionable deserted Deauville. It is now almost like a ghost Western mining town.

It rained last night and this morning there is fitful sunshine.

E. and I went to the picturesque but tourisized Inn of William the Conqueror at Dives for lunch. This afternoon we took Nursie, the children and boys to nearby Trouville, attractive [redacted]

For dinner E. and I went to Villerville to M. Mahu's restaurant where we were warmly received and excellently fed. Most of the wine is of Raymond Baudoin's selection. I had a [redacted] good bottle of Chassagne Montrachet (Les Ruchottes) of 1947.

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Saturday, September 2,1950.

It rained most of the night. This morning it is damp and blustery.

Julian Allen and his children came to see us this morning, and we met the McCloskeys on the street. We left by train for Paris immediately after lunch and arrived home in time for supper.

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Sunday, September 3, 1939

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Was at the office all day, reading back correspondence and attending to a [redacted] matters [redacted] held over for me.

In the course of the morning I went to Orly field to meet John Snyder, Jim Webb and the American delegation to the International Bank and Monetary Fund meetings. There were also five Congressmen aboard, including Harold Cooley.

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Monday, September 4, 1950

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The office is officially closed, this evening on Labor Day holiday. However, I had to be there all day, and went over to see M. Schuman tonight to communicate to him the contents of an urgent cable regarding the presentation at the meeting of the Three Ministers, and later at the meeting of the NAT Ministers, of various problems such as the use of German soldiers for Western defense.

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Tuesday, September 5, 1950

Jim Webb came to see me this morning and we had a talk about Chip going home to help temporarily on [redacted] affairs of [redacted] importance pending in the Department. John Snyder came over, and I introduced him to a press conference held in the Embassy. Afterwards, John, Bill Martin and myself went to call on M. Baumgartner at the Bank of France. Danny Bell, head of the Riggs Bank in Washington, came to see me. He had just been on a trip to the Philippines with the rank of Ambassador, and had [redacted] interesting things to say about the deplorable conditions in that part of the world.

Miss Helen Langer, a niece of Senator Langer, came in with one of her friends. She has been making a tour of Europe with a lot of other young ladies.

We had Arthur and Marian Schlesinger for lunch today, and afterwards I went to the Bank and Fund meeting with John Snyder, at the Bank of France. Mr. Snyder, Webb, Martin and myself called on M. Schuman and afterwards on M. Petsche. At 7 o'clock I went back to see M. Schuman again and received from him an answer To [redacted] the question I had raised with him on Monday. He was agreeable

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to the first proposition, but entirely opposed to placing on the agenda of the NAT Ministers's meeting the matters which we wished immediately to advise those Ministers would be considered at that meeting. Tonight, I went to dinner at M. Petsche's, where the Plevens, René Mayers and many others were present. It was in honor of Secretary Snyder. Last night and today I had [redacted] telephone calls from Washington about the subject [redacted] I had discussed with Mr. Schuman and the reaction there to his position will be [redacted] adverse. I discussed it tonight with the Prime Minister, who expressed himself as [redacted] profoundly dissatisfied with the slowness of our decisions in [redacted] to defense preparations.

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Wednesday, September 6, 1950

Richard Allen, who works in the Morgan Bank in New York, came to see me this morning with a letter of introduction from Earl Brennan, my old friend at Keene, New Hampshire. Allen is an attractive young fellow. Don McKay, who is writing a book on Franco-American relations, came in and we had a long discussion which I enjoyed. I went to a luncheon which M. Letourneau, Minister of the Associated States, gave at 78 rue de Lille for Mr. Huu, Prime Minister of Viet Nam. Culinarily, it was absolutely excellent. We had partridges and Richebourg 1929 to go with them. Letourneau's newly established Ministry is housed in the old German Embassy, acquired by the Germans about 1815 from Hortense de Beauharnais. It is the house which Napoleon complained about, in his letters to Eugène de Beauharnais, so bitterly because he felt Beauharnais was engaging in wild extravagance in furnishing and decorating it. It must have been costly, for there are quantities of gold leaf everywhere, elaborate painted panels and everything else typical of the period. The result

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is remarkably successful and it is a [redacted] fine example of that particular period. During its occupancy by German Ambassadors, everything was kept in perfect condition, and it is extraordinary to see the freshness of the carpets, hangings and so forth. One floor will continue to be used only for receptions, while the rest will be devoted to offices. The Prime Minister, M. Parodi, and a large number of French and Indo-Chinese officials were there, as well as the British Ambassador. From lunch I went to the inauguration of the Bank and Fund meeting at the Bank of France. President Auriol opened the proceedings and there were [redacted] many speeches. Unfortunately, I had to leave before the fireworks started -- they were set off by the Czechoslovakian delegation advocating the expulsion of the Chinese Nationalist representatives and the seating of the Chinese Communists. After considerable palaver, further debate on this point was postponed until tomorrow. We had a dinner at home tonight for John Snyder at which the following were present: William Martin, James Webb and Mrs. Webb, Senator and Mrs. Flanders, Prime Minister

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and Mme René Pleven, M. Maurice Petsche, M. and Mme Edgar Faure, M. Jean Monnet, Mme Baumgartner, M. et Mme Mendes-France, M. Parodi, M. et Mme René Mayer and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Meyer,

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Thursday, September 7, 1950

Pierre Baraduc, [redacted] Secretary General to General Juin in the Moroccan Government, came to see me this morning. We discussed some of the import problems [redacted] agitating American business man there. He also extended [redacted] an invitation from General Juin to pay a visit to Morocco in November which I should like to accept. Hervé Alphand called and we spent an hour talking about the results of the recent Deputies' conference in London. He thinks as I do that much [redacted] was usefully /[redacted] accomplished, but [redacted] the difficulties encountered in the American Congress, and which will present themselves in the French Parliament when it reconvenes in October, will make it hard to get any combined program under way in a short period of time. I attended a luncheon given by John Snyder at the Crillon for the Latin American delegates to the Bank and Fund meetings. Afterwards President Huu of Viet Nam met Woodie, Phil Sprouse and myself in my office, and we had a long talk about Indo-Chinese affairs, especially about the raising of a native army. The problem which arises is not one of manpower but of

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how to finance such a force. At 4 o'clock, M. Petsche arrived with quite a delegation from the Ministry of Finance to talk here with Mr. Snyder, Jim Webb and some of the Treasury people about the financial problem confronting France in connection with the rearmament program. I thought Petsche presented his views admirably. After an hour and a half of this meeting, I went over to see M. Parodi at the Foreign Office to give him Dean's reply to Schuman's recent decision about what should be discussed at the NATO Council meeting. He appeared satisfied with its contents.

Sir James and Etelka Dodds arrived today to stay and had dinner with us tonight, together with the David Ramseys.

E. and I went to the Comedie Francaise at 9 o'clock for a special show, consisting mostly of ballets, as guests of M. Petsche and M. Mendès-France, for the delegates, observers, Ambassadors, etc., who are connected with the meetings of the Bank and Fund. It was quite beautiful. One ballet, La Boutique Fantasque, although badly danced, was superb in setting, costumes, music and choreography. After the theatre there was a large reception at the Louvre in the salons of the Ministry of Finance.

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Friday, September 8, 1950

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Messrs Frank Wisner, Bob Joyce, Gerry Miller and Tom Betts came to see me this morning regarding CIA matters. Afterwards John Donovan, a legal associate of Jimmy Murphy, had a talk with me. At lunch time, I introduced Secretary Snyder at the American Club and he made an excellent speech. Mr. Rentzel, Administrator of CAA came to see me this afternoon and discussed [redacted] plans [redacted] for the development of aviation fields in Europe. Ellis Briggs, Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, told me of the wretched conditions in that country. Harold Callender talked about the French rearmament program. I then went to see M. Parodi in connection with my discussion with Frank Wisner, etc. this morning. We had a dinner tonight with the following guests: Canadian Ambassador and Mme Vanier, Turkish Ambassador M. Mememencioglu, Sir James and Lady Dodds, Viscount and Viscountesse Harcourt, Mme Carlos Martins, Roger de Vilmorin, Cte and Ctsse Raoul de Lubersac, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Drew Dudley, Archdukke Otto, the Frank Wisners, Robert Joyces, Mrs. Robert Bacon, Mme Jacques Bousquet and John Utter.

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Saturday, September 9, 1950

I took John Snyder to the airport and saw him off. He is stopping in Luxembourg to see Perle Meata, [redacted] then is going to Annecy to present a bell before leaving for the United States. Mr. Weare, the local manager, and Mrs. Robinson, the Executive Vice President of the N.Y.Herald Tribune, came to see me this morning and talked about the problems here in connection with their paper. It has done much better financially recently [redacted] than for a long time past. Geoffrey Parsons has left as editor and will not be replaced, although Walter Kerr will be here a good deal of the time in connection with its news activities throughout Europe. Jack Sawyer, who used to be with O.S.S., came to see me about a report he is making on Europe to the National Security Council. We went to Versailles for lunch. We had the Paul Mellons, the Dodds, Lord and Lady Harcourt and Griselda. I came back to the office in the afternoon and amongst other people I saw Sam Reber who is down for a few days from Germany.

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Sunday, September 10, 1950

The Dodds left this morning as well as Buddy Bull, who has been staying with us. At the office, Tommy, Trueblood and myself had a [redacted] conversation about the rearmament program. Bert Jolis came to lunch, and afterwards we talked about his desire to adjust his complicated business in such a way that he could perhaps come back into Government service.

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Monday, September 11, 1950

Attended to office matters. Mr. Brady came to see me about the Grandma Moses exhibition and the American Ballet performances which will take place here this autumn. These are the sort of cultural activities [redacted] I am [redacted] glad to see the Department sponsor. I had an [redacted] accumulation of work and lunched in the office. Afterwards I saw Miss Bapsy Pavry, an Indian whose brother is the chief priest of the Parsees. They live at Bombay, but spend three months or more of each year in Europe, especially in London. She and her brother were both educated at Columbia University. Eugene Meyer came to see me and I enjoyed talking to him. Then Mr. Opie of the Brookings Institute, who is engaged in a comprehensive study of the effects of Marshall Plan aid on the economies of the participating countries. I went to see Oliver Harvey about [redacted] the [redacted] complex matter of French security which we have been instructed by our respective governments to take up with Messrs. Pleven and Moch on a joint basis. Tonight, we had dinner at Marie Harriman's

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in their beautiful house [redacted] on rue St. Guillaume [redacted] which belongs to Amaury de la Grange. I sat between two [redacted] attractive ladies, Mme Charpentier (Alphand's sister) whose husband has taken Alphand's place as Director of Economic Relations at the Foreign Office, and Mme Marjolin, wife of Bob Marjolin, [redacted] Secretary-General of the OEEC. There were a great many people there, including Maurice Petsche, Eugene Black of the International Bank, etc. Marie is leaving in a couple of weeks to return home. We are [redacted] fond of her and [redacted] sorry to see her go.

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Tuesday, September 12, 1950

I arranged this morning to have Paul Mellon see the Boussac stud farm. We had a meeting today to go over Foreign Service efficiency reports. Walter Laird, of the Wilmington Trust Co. of Wilmington, Delaware, came [redacted] to see me. I have known him off and on for twenty years and like him, [redacted] M. Schneiter, [redacted] replacing M. Schuman at the Foreign Office during the latter's absence, sent for me. He had with him General Kahn, [redacted] a distinguished engineer, and M. Mons, formerly Resident General at Tunis, now Secretary General at the Ministry of Defense. He gave me some papers regarding the High Priority Production Program. Austen Gray stopped in to see me this morning, and then I had some conversation with Cannell, who married Ferd Eberstadt's daughter Anne. She is quite ill with eczema at the American Hospital.

We had a lunch today for the Alfred Farbers, the Harcourts, the Visners, the Arthur Schlesingers, Richard Myers, Mrs. Harriman and Mrs. Lord. On my way back to the office, I stopped at Zeff and tried on [redacted] clothes. My dear friend John Hughes came [redacted] to see me, and

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afterwards Tom Watson of IBM. He is a member of the board of the Carnegie Endowment Fund and if they should give up their excellent building in Paris I should like a chance to consider its acquisition by the U.S. Government. R.W. Courts, an investment banker of Atlanta, Georgia, with a letter of introduction from Dick Patterson, called on me. I then saw Teddy White, and at 7 o'clock called on Jules Moch to discuss with him certain important aspects of British, French and American security arrangements. E. and I went tonight to a dinner given by Camille Gutt at the Meurice. M. Petsche, the Eugene Meyers, M. Guindey, a Belgian lady and Gutt's son and daughter-in-law.

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Wednesday, September 13, 1950

Henry Parkman came to see me this morning, and afterwards Mr. Breithut from London. Senator Flanders called. What a wise and charming man he is! The Dominican Ambassador paid a courtesy call on me before lunch. He was stationed here once before, and appears to be a pleasant fellow. I had lunch in the office, worked on efficiency reports a[illegible] then went across the street to have a haircut. Mr. Robert Cronan, a law partner of Arthur Roseborough, came to see me. Arthur is now with Watts [illegible] Hill in the latter's bank at Durham, N.C. Carlos de Florez came in, and talked to me at some length about the Don Juan, Franco, Spanish problem. I went to see Oliver Harvey to tell him the result of my conversation last night with M. Moch. This afternoon I went to a reception at the Indian Embassy, 2 rue du General Lambert in honor of the Indian delegation to the Fund and Bank meetings.

Thursday, September 14, 1950

I went to the American Club for lunch with Ty Wood and Henrry Parkman both made excellent speeches. Immediately afterward, I went to the Bank of France where the meetings of the Bank and Fund were concluding. It was interesting to hear the delegates from various countries expressing themselves in English. The performance of the Celanese deputy was particularly noteworthy in this regard. Late this afternoon, Thomas McKittrick came to see me and afterwards Preston Grover with the owner of some television stations at home. I stopped in to see M. Pernet and bought a Louis XVI gaming table from him. We had a dinner for 24 people tonight: The Argentine Ambassador and Mme Madero, the Danish Ambassador and Mme Svenningsen, the Aymeric de Faramonds, Rodolphe Hottinguer, Mrs. Dwight Davis, the Thoresens the Donsals, the Gilbert Millers, the [redacted] Donahues, Mrs. Truxton Beale, Owen Johnson, the Henry Hydes and Elsa Maxwell.

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Friday, September 15, 1950

Bill Martin, Under Secretary of the Treasury, came in this morning to say goodbye. He is returning to the U. S. tomorrow.

I went to the Foreign Office with Phil Bonsal to introduce him to M. Parodi, and came back to the office to see Eugene Black.

I had lunch in the office, [redacted] then spoke to a delegation of American students who are stranded in Paris without means of subsistence. Their passage home had been paid for, but there have been no accommodations available up to the present.

Clem Brown, of Pan American Airways, came in, then Senator Maybank with General North. Afterwards I saw Russell Hill of the Herald Tribune, who is leaving Paris shortly to go to Germany where he has now been assigned. Next Loren Carroll. Afterwards I called on Dr. Huu, President of the Council of Vietnam, at the Crillon and returned home for a reception of about 500 people at the Residence.

Tonight we went to a dinner at the Restaurant Boivin given by Marcel and Juliette Achard. The others were Marie Louise Bousquet, Josh Logan and his wife, Josh's sister Mrs. Leatherby, and Marlene Dietrich. It was [redacted] really gay, and Dietrich a beautiful gourmet,

Saturday, September 16, 1950

Harold Callender came to see me at the office this morning. After lunch I went out and shot some clay pigeons at Issy-les-Moulineaux, then had a look around some of the antique shops.

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Sunday, September 17, 1950

At the office this morning. At 12:15 I went over to the Hotel Matignon and talked to Messrs. Pleven, Moch and Parodi about the desire of the Department to have Moch come to New York next week in the hope he might be helpful in obtaining a greater degree of agreement than now exists between the French and ourselves on the question of using German troops for the defense of Europe. The suggestion was made by Moch that he should be accompanied by M. Petsche, and I telegraphed that to the Department.

We had a lunch today at Versailles for the Chauncey Parkers, Pauline Davis and her granddaughter, Jacques Allez, Mary Duncannon and Frances Baker.

Virginia left late this afternoon to return to London.

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Monday, September 18, 1950

I went off at 8 o'clock this morning to Comte Henri de Boisgelin's place, about 8 kms. from Provins, to shoot partridges. We had lunch there at 10 o'clock and shot from 11:30 until 5:30. There were lots of birds but high winds and rain. The bag was 110 partridges and 9 hares. It is a beautiful property, quite flat, situated in a great grain and beetroot district. Boisgelin's wife is an American from Cleveland, and they are an unusually nice couple.

I stopped at the office on my way back and found the French had this afternoon reversed their position on sending Moch to New York next Wednesday, stating that if the only purpose of his visit was to discuss German rearmament, the attitude of the Government was already well known in that regard and they did not think, under the circumstances, his trip would be useful.

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Tuesday, September 19, 1950

Charles Dewey came to see me this morning about the proposal to locate a memorial [redacted] of the Normandy landings on the British portion of the landing area. He suggests [redacted] it should be more appropriately placed on the dividing line which runs through a village called Port-en-Bessin. This port has fortifications constructed by Vauban [redacted] classified as a "national monument". Dan Joseph from Baltimore called on me and gave me [redacted] information about Maryland politics. Messrs Parkman, Timmons, and Judd Hannigan talked to me about an evacuation scheme in the event of a European war. Following their departure, I had a conversation with Joe Gray on the same subject. Dan Reagan called, and looks in excellent health again. He will probably be shortly assigned to cover the economic conference at Torquay. I had lunch in the office, and after a visit to the chiropodist met [redacted] M. Elaisse, the Dutch deputy to Mr. Spierenburg on the Schuman Plan. He, Phil Bonsal and myself discussed the present state of the negotiations. M. Falaise telephoned [redacted] on behalf of M. Bidault to say [redacted] Mme Bidault was ill with pneumonia in

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the South of France, and [redacted] Bidault wanted me to know [redacted] his disinclination to go as a delegate to the U. N. General Assembly was due to personal and not to political reasons. Royall Tyler, who has returned from the United States, talked [redacted] about his plans for the National Committee for a Free Europe.

Guérin de Beaumont, who has replaced Etienne Dennery as head of the American Affairs Division at the Quai d'Orsay, came over to see me, and undertook to look into the affair brought up by Charles Dewey this morning.

We had dinner tonight with the Windsors at 25 rue de la Faisanderie. It was a large party. During the dinner, the orchestra from Monseigneur played, and afterwards there was cello music by a protegé of Elsa Maxwell. Elsa is ubiquitous; late this afternoon I had gone at her request to an exhibition of another protegé of hers, M. Dustuy, whose paintings did not tempt me.

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Wednesday, September 20, 1950

The affair of Colonel Rich versus his landlady occupied part of the morning. Perle Mesta told me she is going home at the end of the month at the request of the President. She does not know for what purpose, but suspects she may be offered another post. I doubt it -- she is held in [redacted] low esteem in the State Department.

Count Ladislas Potocki, a friend of David Finley's, called. He was formerly in the Polish Intelligence Service, and wanted to know if there was any way in which he could be useful to us in gathering information.

We had lunch at home today for Dick Meyers, the James Hendricks, Bunny Carter, Audrey Bouverie, John Utter and Madame Bousquet.

Dr. Max Rinkel, a psychologist from Boston, [redacted] attending a conference here, called on me, followed by Walter Kerr, with whom I had a long and interesting chat. I stopped at Neuville this afternoon, and bought some prints of Versailles and St. Cloud as well as a silver plaque of the Declaration of Independence made in the U. S. in 1850, and a portrait in tin of John Paul Jones. I also picked up on this little promenade

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a couple of Saxe cachepots, a glass column of the Bastille monument, and a colored pastel of a Turkish lady.

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Thursday, September 21, 1950

General Cannon came to see me this morning about the development of [redacted] aviation fields briefly for use by the U.S. Air Force in Morocco. We also discussed [redacted] Colonel Rich, whose present landlady is demanding to see me to lodge a complaint. The Netherlands Ambassador called. He has been on leave until recently, and wanted to review [redacted] the situation in France. Prince Boncompagni, [redacted] working for the World Commerce Corp., came to see me, and later Henry Parkman. We had a lunch at the house for 14 people: Mrs. James Forrestal, Lady Harriott, the Loren Carrolls, Robert Gérard, Howard Sturges, Clair Irish, Mrs. Albert Sidney and Mrs. Fairfax Potter, and others.

This afternoon Phil Bonsal and I went over to call on M. Schneiter, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs. We talked to him about the importance of our two governments reaching an agreement on the line of communications program. He delivered a courteous blast regarding the precipitate way in which, according to the French Government's views, our Government has handled the question of constituting a German army in connection with Western European defense.

PZ arrived in the early hours of the morning to stay with us, coming from Athens.

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Friday, September 22, 1950

I had lunch today with Ambrose and Virginia Chambers. Afterwards E. joined us and we went to look at the house they have bought in the Rue Monsieur. I had known it years ago when the Cole Porters lived there, but it was badly damaged during and after the war and there are many repairs to be done. It is a beautiful property.

M. Hénault, the deputy of Cherbourg, came to see me this afternoon. Afterwards, Mr. Lesto and Mr. Lehideux, of the Ford Company, called. Later Harold Callender and Eugene Meyer came in before I went over to spend a couple of hours with Jean Monnet. Jean and I talked about the Schuman Plan, and also [redacted] the impasse [redacted] apparently [redacted] reached in New York between the three Foreign Ministers on the use of German military forces, and how a German army might be included in the European integration scheme.

We had dinner with the Katzes -- they were entertaining Marie Harriman, who is leaving for home next week. After dinner I went to the office and sent a telegram to Dean about a possible new method of approaching the French on the subject of German troops.

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Saturday, September 23, 1950

I left the Gare du Nord at 8:30 this morning for Amiens, where I met Michel and drove to Alonville. Jean de Caraman Chimay had asked me to shoot there. The place belonged to his wife's father, James Henessy, but the château was entirely destroyed during the last war. I think Jacqueline must have inherited the property. We had a [redacted] (food) lunch at 10:30 with champagne (Veuve Clicquot), and afterwards went out to the fields. Besides Jean, Jacqueline and myself, there were the Marquis de Paris - a superb shot - André Poniatowski, Rex Benson, Duff Cooper, Comte de Pourtalès, Jean-Louis de Canay, a local farmer, an English Colonel Coates and another Englishman. There was a vast number of [redacted] (partridges), of which we killed 450. We went back to the farmer's house for tea, [redacted] (consisting) of ham, salad, cheese and champagne, [redacted] then Rex and I drove into Paris.

Arthur Schlesinger is staying with us and Herbert and Barbie Agar also came to dinner.

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Sunday, September 24, 1950

I went to the office this morning and later George and Ethel Garrett, Gertie Legendre and Mrs. Wood from Phila. came to lunch. The children had arrived back the day before yesterday looking [redacted] well. E. and I took them to the Jardin des Plantes this afternoon where we were all greatly amused by the animals and birds. We returned home just in time to meet Pauline Davis.

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Monday, September 25, 1950

The Frank Wisners arrived today to stay.

Jim Farley and Alex Makinsky came in to see me this morning about Coca Cola. I made an appointment for them to visit M. Schneiter, Minister of Public Health.

Jack Herfurt took my fingerprints for a security check, and introduced me to Messrs. Ford and Blevens of his outfit, the latter being in over-all charge in Washington.

I had a lunch of twenty people for George McGhee at home today, half French and half American.

Senator Brewster came in to see me this morning and afterwards Bill Humphreys. [redacted]

Max Shoop informed me that, after five years of efforts, he had finally received a divorce and [redacted] remarried. I know his new wife; she is [redacted] attractive.

Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, of Le Monde, had a long talk with me. He is about to go to the United States again, this time on a lecture tour. He had received his training there as an aviation pilot during the last war, knows the country well, speaks English fluently

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and, although I often do not agree with most of his views, he is, I think, the most brilliant of the young French newspaper reporters with whose work I am familiar.

This afternoon I went to a reception given by the USIE, at 41, Faubourg St.-Honoré, for French exchange teachers who are going out to spend a year teaching in country districts in the United States. They are partially financed by Fulbright grants.

Red O'Hare came to the house tonight to show me a message he had received today from the Defense Department telling him to inform M. Moch that we would prefer to have the Defense Meeting at Washington postponed until October 28.

We had dinner tonight with the Wisners and Peasie.

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Tuesday, September 26, 1950.

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Frank Wisner and myself came down to the office this morning where I saw Admiral Connally. The Admir is negotiating with the French for the expansion of naval facilities at Port Lyautey.

I had lunch at the Foreign Office where M. Parodi was entertaining in honor of George McGhee. George Perkins called me this afternoon from Washington about the possibility of sending over a group to try to stimulate the French into giving more adequate figures concerning their rearmament effort. This required a good deal of consultation and later in the day we telegraphed him advising against it at this time.

General Monclave, [redacted] the [redacted] office the French have chosen to command the French forces in Korea, came in to call. He is [redacted] a mild-mannered, bespectacled four-star general who has had an extraordinary swashbuckling career including service in the French Foreign Legion. His only concern seems to be lest the Korean episode be terminated

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before he arrives with his volunteers.

Dr. Grant of the Rockefeller Foundation, [redacted] just arrived here from Saigon, came to see me. Afterwards I talked to Ed Taylor, [redacted] then Admiral Connolly returned for another conversation about his problem. M. Picard, Prefect of the Aude, made a call with a dossier of various bits and pieces of information [redacted] he thought might be useful to us. I had a letter from Arthur Gardner [redacted] to-day announcing his arrival, and asking me to fix up a place for him to have a birthday party.

We went to dinner with the Kotzebues to-night, and stopped on the way to say goodbye to Marie Harriman who is, to our great regret, leaving this week. The Kotzebues party was a farewell dinner to Perle Mesta who is also returning home this week.

About midnight, Julius Holmes called me from London to say [redacted] he had just talked on the telephone with Lew in Washington and [redacted] the latter's resignation would be announced in the morning. Apparently Lew's doctors

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have told him they cannot answer any longer for his eyesight if he does not take a long rest.

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Thursday, September 28, 1950.

McCloskey telephoned this morning to say [redacted] flying conditions were so bad [redacted] we must postpone our trip to Cognac. Woodie, however, got in touch with the Hennessys, and we found [redacted] the weather at the airport there was good, so we finally got off, - Monica, Woodie and myself. At Cognac, a trip of about an hour and forty minutes from Paris, we were met by the Prefect, the Sub-Prefect, the Mayor, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, the Commander of the field with a guard of honor, and [redacted] other notables. Whisked off to the Hotel de Ville, I signed the golden book, then we had a vin d'honneur and the Mayor and myself made speeches. From there we went to lunch in the Salle des Gardes of the old Chateau -/[redacted] it now belongs to the Otard brandy company - in which Francis First was born. It is a [redacted] beautiful room, ornamented with tapestries, shields, scrolls and bas reliefs.

The lunch was worthy of its setting - elegant and

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delicious, if somewhat long. We had for wines: [redacted] Riesling, Chateau Pavie 1937, Chateau Léoville Las Cases 1943, Moet & Chandon 1943, and Cognac. For food, there was Timbale de Ris de Veau, Langouste en Bellevue, Baron [redacted] d'Agneau Richelieu, Poulet de Grain Roti Cresson, Céléri braisé, Salade, Fromages, Glace & Fruits.

The Prefect made a speech and I retaliated. About four o'clock the hundred-odd guests adjourned, and we went to the Chamber of Commerce, whose President, Maurice Hennessy, made a speech to which I responded. Then we visited two vineyards of a producer named M. Mercier, an excellent farmer and a compatriote [redacted] man. I had some native white wine, still in a state of fermentation, three different kinds of Pineau, and finally some of my old friend Gaston Briand's 1900 Cognac.

Leaving there, we stopped at Patrick Hennessy's beautiful Louis XIII place and sampled [redacted] brandy.

To-night I dined and stayed with that delightful couple,

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the Maurice Hennessys, at their large scrambling house in a fine park just outside Cognac. There were a lot of people for the superlative dinner - the Wallners, the Patrick Hennessys, Sheila Hennessy, Comte et Comtesse de Castellane (of the Otard firm), M. et Mme Maurice Firino Martell (of the Martell firm), M. et Mme Edouard Haviland (of Bisquit Dubouché) M. et Mme Guy Castillon du Perron (of Castillon & Co.)(he is also Conseiller Général of the Charente and she is beautiful), M. et Mme Jacques Delamain (they are in their seventies, very agreeable, he the author of various nature and ornithological books, and she the translator of Charles Morgan and Pearl Buck into French) M. et Mme Hervé de Jarnac (of Louis de Salignac & Co.) and M. et Mme Valladie (Vice Chairman of the Cognac Chamber of Commerce).

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Friday, September 29, 1950.

Michel drove me this morning to Bordeaux where I had a late lunch at the Chapon Fin. Afterwards, I walked down into the quarter of the antique merchants and emerged with the purchase of a Directoire bird cage, a bronze door-knocker with a dolphin motif, a wooden snuff box of Alexander I of Russia, another of Charles X of France, and three saucers suitable for ashtrays. In a moment of enthusiasm I let myself be driven ten miles into the country to look at two stone statues of Rousseau and Voltaire which did not appeal to me. Uncured by this experience, I went on another goose chase after an Aubusson carpet, which was definitely unattractive.

I got to Chateau Mouton Rothschild about seven to-night and took a walk with Pauline Potter and Philippe de Rothschild. We looked at the vaults of Chateau d'Armailhac which he has recently bought.

A lot of people arrived to stay so we had dinner at ten. Mme Thierry/[redacted] (Philippe's sister), Mme Blumenthal - a

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cousin - M. et Mme Margerie (his excellent manager), Philippine (the daughter of the house) [redacted] a girl friend, and a playwright, made up the party. We had oysters, consommé, a pilaff of chicken livers, saddle of lamb, vegetables, salad, cheese and ice cream, while the wines were Cos d'Estournel 1943, Chateau Mouton Rothschild 1940, Chateau Gruaud Larose 1870, Raynes Vigneaux 1920, Eau de Vie de Mouton, etc. To bed about one o'clock.

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Saturday, September 10, 1950.

I spent the morning going about the establishment with Philippe. It is altogether fascinating. More people arrived, and for lunch we had [redacted] a Traminer 1947, a Lafite 1928, a Mouton 1928, and a Mouton 1929.

This afternoon some of us went over to call on Achille Fould and his wife at Chateau Beychevelle. I was much taken with it, and its entrancing greensward leading down to the broad Gironde. The central portion is Louis XIV. There are many fine things in the house as well as in the cellar. For tea we had a magnum of 1929 Beychevelle, and M. Fould gave me another as a present to take home.

It was raining when we got back to Mouton, but that did not deter some fifty or seventy-five people from coming in and helping to induct me into the Commandery of Bordeaux drinkers, which has another and more picturesque name [redacted] I have forgotten. M. Margerie made a neat speech, I answered as best I could and we drank Ruinart champagne, a company of which Philippe has recently

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acquired control.

Lelia Westminster arrived to-night. We had superb wines for dinner - Montrachet 1929, Chateau Margaux 1926, Mouton 1898, Lafite 1874, Haut Peraguey 1867.

About midnight we decided to go to M.Cruzé's chateau of Saint Julien where there was a young people's dance. It was [redacted] pleasant but made a late night for us.

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Sunday, October 1, 1950.

Pauline, Mme Blumenthal and I left Mouton regretfully this morning, and Pauline and myself took the plane at Bordeaux. We stopped to pick up Monica and Woodie at Cognac, where we found them surrounded by Hennessys who [redacted] kindly gave me an assortment of fine brandies to take home.

After bucking strong head winds, we reached Paris in about two hours.

I found E and the children well. To-night I had dinner with the Prime Minister and Jean Monnet at the Matignon. We had a long talk about French politics and German rearmament.

Monday, October 2, 1950.

I went to call this morning on the Dominican Ambassador at 21 avenue de Messine. In a picture shop next door, I saw two attractive paintings of the Chateau de Versailles and the Chateau de Clagny which I bought.

I took Nelson Slater to lunch at Yvonne et André. He is soon going to Spain for partridge shooting.

Mrs. Shipley from the Passport Division of the State Department came to see me this afternoon as did Bert Jolis. Mr. John Bell, who is Ohly's assistant in MDAP, came in for a talk with Chip and myself. Geoffrey Parsons called. He has left the Herald-Tribune, and is going to be engaged in public information work with Spofford and the other deputies. Senator Alexander Smith and his wife called, and I was happy to see them. He is a fine man and she is charming.

When I got home, I found Nelson Slater visiting his godchild Sasha. Chauchon the painter had passed by and

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left some of his new sketches of Paris. Peasie was having a cocktail party, and Pauline Potter, who is staying with us, the Tylers, E and I had dinner together before going to the opening of the Marquis de [redacted]evas' ballet at the Théatre des Champs Elysées. It was an excellent performance from the spectators' standpoint, and an enthusiastic audience from that of the actors. Tamarova is not dancing with them this year, but the Misses Hightower and Tallchief were in their usual good form.

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Tuesday, October 3, 1950

At 8.30 this morning, Chip, Jimmy Riddleberger and myself took off from Orly to Frankfurt with Colonels McCloskey and Cape. It was about a two-hour flight. We went directly to Jack McCloy's palatial quarters in the I.G. Farben building where we had a long talk with Jack about the problem of German rearmament. We left Frankfurt again at three o'clock.

I went to the office; later Jean Monnet came to see me at home to discuss the same subject.

To-night we had dinner at Margaret Biddle's new house. She has some especially beautiful pictures. The others were the Plevens, the Windsors, Jacques Allez and the French Ambassador to Cuba.

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Wednesday, October 4, 1950.

I went this morning to see Jean Monnet, and had a [redacted] talk with him about German rearmament. He feels [redacted] the only way now to approach it is for France to take the initiative and [redacted] proceed along the same lines as she did in formulating the proposal for the Schuman pooling plan. Schuman returns to-night from the United States. Meanwhile, the French cabinet has reached no final decision on this matter.

I had lunch in the office, and afterwards saw M. Robert de Saint Jean of the Parisien Libéré. [redacted] Lowell Weicker, [redacted] here for the International Chamber of Commerce meeting, called. I saw Mr. L. D. Welch, Treasurer of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, together with three of his associates. [redacted] Drew Dudley came in to talk about the recent visit of [redacted] Eugene Black to Yugoslavia. I then saw Red O'Hare and Bill Tyler and some of the other staff people before going home to meet the Rehms who are leaving ECA and retiring to Connecticut.

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Chip, Avis and Janie Joyce came to dinner where amongst other things we had a good bottle of 1929 Cheval Blanc, whereafter we went to the opening of Henri Bernstein's new play "Victor". Most of the audience was in possession of complimentary tickets and was [redacted] enthusiastic, but I did not think it [redacted] a play which will add any [redacted] luster to his [redacted] reputation.

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Thursday, October 5, 1950

Cardinal Spellman came to see me this morning. He was [redacted] chatty. [redacted] M. Poulain of Nicolas & Co. was kind enough to let me have another [redacted] considerable quantity of their fine wines.

George Piccard of USIS came to say goodbye before going on home leave.

I had a lunch of fourteen at home today with seven members of the Embassy and Congressmen L. Gary Clements of New York, Laurie C. Battle of Alabama, O. C. Fisher of Texas, Porter Hardy, Jr., of Virginia, and Thurmond Chatham of North Carolina, together with Colonel J. W. Wilson, Air Force liaison officer and Allen B. Moreland, liaison officer of the State Department. The Congressmen are members of the Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees of the House and are making an extensive tour of Europe.

Eva Dahlgren came in this afternoon and talked about the work of her committee.

The Irish Ambassador, Mr. Cremin, called. The status of his establishment has

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recently been raised from that of a legation to an embassy. Mrs. Morton Schwartz came in to ask for an introduction to Mr. Drummond hoping to get a job in the Information section of ECA, London. Miss Nancy Bean of Life magazine, who is doing an article on Jean Monnet, inquired what I knew of his personal and public life.

This afternoon we had a large reception at the Embassy.

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Friday, October 6, 1950

M. Petsche came to see me at home this morning, and we talked about his forthcoming trip to Washington and some of the financial problems to be presented there. I saw Red O'Hare, who had a telegram from the Department of Defense instructing him to request M. Moch to send a representative in advance of the Defense Ministers' meeting on October 28th to prepare material for the ministers, including suggestions regarding German re-armament.

Chip and I went to see Prime Minister Pleven at eleven o'clock, and had an hour and a half conversation with him about lines of communication in France, and proposed American development of facilities at Port Lyautey, as well as the increase of air facilities in Morocco. These matters are [redacted] complicated, especially the first in regard to its juridical aspects. We had, however, a satisfactory conversation and the experts will examine [redacted] the question further.

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I saw Lane Timmons this morning, and afterwards before lunching Phil Bonsal, [redacted] at the Mont Blanc.

Preston Grover came to see me this afternoon. I called on Sir Oliver Harvey about [redacted] security arrangements which might be made between the US, the UK and France. Harold Callender came to see me and I got vaccinated against smallpox - not by Harold.

To-night I went to see M. Schuman. I found M. Moch and M. Parodi with him. Moch is somewhat exercised about the proposition contained in the cable [redacted] shown me this morning by Red O'Hare. This led us into a long discussion of German rearmament. Moch is [redacted] intransigent on the subject, but the cabinet at its meeting to-day did not take any definite decision, agreeing [redacted] its members would give further consideration to the problem and review it in ten days.

I arrived home [redacted] late for a large dinner [redacted] we gave for the Brazilian Ambassador and his wife.

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Saturday, October 7,1950.

A lot of last minute things at the office this morning. Then I went to see Paul Hoffman at the Talleyrand. He has lost a great deal of weight since his operation but looks well. What an altogether admirable and attractive man he is.

[redacted] René Pleven called me to say [redacted] newspaper reporters had been telephoning him all morning to confirm reports [redacted] we had had a stormy conversation together yesterday on the [redacted] rearmament of Germany. We will respectively deny [redacted] this was the case, which is true, as although I have talked to him about it unstormily many times it was not brought up in yesterday's meeting.

I am seeing Monnet to-night.

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Sunday, October 8, 1950

E and I left Orly at 11 a.m. by plane, and landed after a two hour trip in good weather at the London airport (Heathrow). We were met by Jim and Ashley, and went to 28 Albert Court for lunch. Afterwards, we took a [redacted] walk in the park, went back to Heathrow and embarked on the Pan American Constellation at 8:15. We had dinner in a compartment for eight people of whom four were highly intoxicated. This sleeper plane is [redacted] comfortable, but sleep was difficult because of the noisy drunks.

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Monday, October 9, 1950

Including a stop at Gander, our elapsed time from Heathrow to New York was 18 hours. With the six hour difference in time we reached New York at 8 a.m. U.S. time. Went into the city, where I met Buck Crawford at the Links Club and talked investments with him, a subject [redacted] I have almost completely neglected - to my financial detriment - for ten years.

I went to see Jim at his office. He did not seem depressed at not being appointed Ambassador to Great Britain to succeed Lew Douglas. He said [redacted] he had had a commitment from the President, frequently confirmed, but [redacted] last week the President told him [redacted] he had been "outmanoeuvred", and for reasons of bi-partisan foreign policy wished to be relieved of the commitment so as to nominate Walter Gifford, the retired President of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company.

E. and I lunched at Longchamps, and took an American Airlines plane at 4:30 from LaGuardia to Washington. The weather was bad, and we were stacked up over the National airport

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for a long time. We reached 1411 34th St. about seven, where Leulah Foster, who is renting it from us, had most generously asked us to stay. It was fine seeing her, Virginia and Lily, and we are ensconced happily in the two attic rooms.

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Tuesday, October 10, 1950

Averell picked me up this morning, and after dropping off at the White House sent me to State. I talked to Dean Acheson, George Perkins and Hank Byroade about German rearmament. Then a trip to the dentist to have my teeth X-rayed. A hamburger and chocolate milkshake for lunch. This afternoon back to Dean's office for further rearmament talk. There ensued a huge meeting on the French financial requirements for their military program, which lasted until seven-fifteen. George Perkins took me to Georgetown and I went straight to dinner at MacGill and Carrie James' where E already was. It was wonderful to see them.

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Wednesday, October 11, 1950

It was announced yesterday that President Truman is going to the Pacific to meet General MacArthur. Averell picked me up this morning, and told me he was accompanying the President on the trip.

At 9:30 Dean, Byroade, Doug MacArthur, Bob Lovett, Colonel Beebe and I met with General Marshall at the Pentagon and went over the question of German rearmament in anticipation of Jules Moch's arrival this afternoon. The General is an impressive personality, soft spoken and charming, but not one with whom anybody would dare to take liberties. His moral character is almost physically apparent. He said he had great sympathy with the French fear of a revival of German militarism, and the matter must be worked out with proper safeguards, but the French should realize that an effective defense of western Europe against aggression would not be possible without making use of German soldiers.

I called on John Snyder at noon. He is concerned over the prospects of further inflation in the United States as well as

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abroad. Before lunch I attended a meeting in Willard Thorpe's office, with Linc Gordon, Homer Byington, Paul Nitze, George Perkins and others to discuss the tactics of the dealings to be had with Petsche.

I lunched at O'Donnell's on shrimps Norfolk, rice, beer, a baked apple, at a cost of $2.50.

After lunch I attended a meeting in Jamie Bonbright's office - Colonel Scow, Colonel Howze, Fisher Howe, Parker Armstrong, etc. to talk over the problem of improving security within the French Government departments. It was agreed [redacted] it would be advisable to have General Bradley discuss this with Jules Moch.

My dear friend, Tom Blaisdell, came to see me this afternoon. Afterwards I rode home with Bill Foster who was in his usual excellent form.

Tonight E and I dined at the Wisners' - Joe Alsop, Alice Longworth, Bill Jackson, Pete Quesada and his wife. I talked to Audrey at Foxcroft and we are going to meet on Sunday.

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Thursday, October 12, 1950

I rode down to Foggy Bottom with Averell this morning. He is leaving for the Pacific later in the day to accompany the President to his meeting with General MacArthur. I had an interesting talk with Paul Nitze, then went to see Bill Jackson at CIA. General Bedell Smith and he moved in on October first. The outfit was not in good repute, and they will have a tremendous task of reorganization to undertake.

I was busy for the rest of the day with continuous committee meetings. George Perkins dropped me at Kay Halle's on 29th Street, to which we transferred today from the Fosters'. E., Kay, Herbert Elliston and I dined together - Herbert thundering along at a great rate, so like [redacted] Doctor Johnson.

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Friday, October 13, 1950

A meeting in Dean's office at 9:30 in preparation for the conversations with the French. The latter lasted all morning, then we lunched at the Treasury with John Snyder. The session resumed at three and went on until late. The Perkins took E and myself to the French Embassy, where we dined with a large company that included Messrs. Moch and Petsche.

Fairly satisfactory progress was made today on Indo-China affairs. The border episode this week was disastrous for the French Union forces, their losses being 2500 killed and captured. On financial questions there was a lot of inconclusive discussion. German rearmament was not mentioned.

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Saturday, October 14, 1950

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I went this morning to see James Earnest, the lawyer [redacted] representing Frances Powell Hill in her claim against me for the commission connected with the sale of His Lordship's Kindness. I denied any obligation on my part, but offered to settle for $1.000. He is to let me know her answer. Her claim is entirely baseless, but to defend a law suit would be more costly than a such settlement.

From there I went to the Willard Hotel to see Maurice Petsche in company with Tommy [redacted] We explored, unfruitfully I fear, various formulae for the use of German soldiers. Moch remains apparently opposed to any solution which involves German rearmament.

We lunched with Joe Alsop in his gay and attractive modern house on Dumbarton Avenue. Afterwards, Mrs. Thompson - about a month away from producing a child - came to see us, and we went over accounts for the first time in a year and a half. I have latterly sold the Henry and Young farms at Staunton Hill for a profit of about $16.000, which should approximate the loss on HLK.

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I walked around Georgetown, [redacted] pleased as always to see the taste with which houses are being renovated or altered, without affecting its country village atmosphere.

Charles Lindeman came in for a drink - we talked fishing and shooting. Kay, E and I dined together, and we went to bed at a reasonable hour. I read some of the excellent stories in Hemingway's "Men Without Women".

This house is completely delightful to stay in. Kay makes life in it [redacted] amusing, [redacted] and comfortable.

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Sunday October 15, 1950

Audrey arrived from Foxcroft this morning, so sweet and pr[redacted] we walked around to 1411 34th St. where I retrieved [redacted] clothes and bottles. Kay gave us all lunch. At 2:30 Colgate Darden arrived from Charlotteville, and we discussed his plan for a Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia, in which he would like to interest Paul Hoffman if the latter becomes head of the Ford Foundation. Colgate is a fine fellow. Audrey went back to school and I pounded the Georgetown pavements with E. Herbert Elliston came to Kay's for dinner and we had a wonderful meal sent in from the Chinese restaurant on Wisconsin Avenue, featured by [redacted] jumbo shrimps and bamboo shoots.

At 8 p.m. I went to a meeting in Dean's office at the Department to consider further the matters to be discussed at the meeting with the French tomorrow. Messrs Snyder, Foster, Bissell, Lemnitzer and others were there.

Afterwards, we all went to Georgetown and had a drink at Dean's house.

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Monday, October 16, 1950

Dean, Tom Finletter (representing General Marshall), John Snyder, Bill Martin, Bill Foster, Dick Bissell, and I met this morning in Dean's office for a last roundup before the conference with Messrs. Moch and Petsche. When Dean told the French [redacted] our aid figure (exclusive of end items) would be 200 million for the first half of 1951 they evinced disappointment, and the discussion consumed the entire morning.

George White came over and we lunched in the Department Cafeteria.

Chip called me from London; [redacted] at 3 p.m. I went to a meeting in Dean's office to discuss Chip's telegram of yesterday regarding a possible Schuman proposal for German rearmament.

Got home late and we went almost immediately for dinner at the Achesons' - the Frankfurters, the Nitzes, Joe Alsop and Lois Jessup.

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Tuesday, October 17, 1950

Saw Rudy Schoenfeld. Went to the dentist, had my teeth cleaned and was given the sad tidings that I better have one extracted the next time I am home - it seems to be atrophying from disuse. Saw numbers of people - George Perkins, Ed Martin, Linc Gordon, Turner Cameron amongst them.

Lunched in the Department with Willard Thorp. Afterwards Walter Gifford came in to talk about his duties in London where he is going as soon as [redacted] confirmed by the Senate. At 2:30 we had a meeting in the Secretary's office, [redacted] then resumed our meeting with the French. I saw Carl Humelsine about some organization matters, [redacted] then dove into the bad news from Indo-China. E went to New York today. Another late return home. Kay, Herbert and I went over to Hall's where we had a huge dinner of crabflakes, followed by lobster platters and steins of good beer.

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Wednesday, October 18, 1950

Since seeing Mr. James Earnest on Saturday about Miss Hill's claim for a commission on the sale of His Lordship's Kindness, I have had a letter from him saying she would only settle for $3,000. I told him this morning I would give $1,500, and if she rejected it she could bring a suit against me.

The President's plane was late in bringing him back this morning from his meeting with MacArthur, so our meeting with Dean on French questions was delayed, but finally took place, and we went off to a last reunion with Petsche, who spoke eloquently on the theme of controlling runaway prices of key commodities, and the importance of a sane preservation of the U. S. economy.

I went to lunch with Tom Finletter in his elegant offices as Secretary of the Department of the Air.

Colonel Roberts from Averell's staff called on me to discuss the desperate situation in Indo-China. He says we ought to fly in immediately a couple of fighter bomber squadrons and turn the planes over to the French.

Eric Severeid called on me and we had a [redacted] talk -- he is such an attractive and sympathetic man.

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Mr. Earnest called and said his clients, Miss Hill and Mr. Brown, had accepted my settlement offer of $7,500.

I had an appointment to see the President this afternoon but, due to the lateness of his return, it was cancelled and set for tomorrow. Consequently, I filled in that time with a haircut.

After leaving the office, I paid a visit to Mott Belin and we had an old-fashioned get-together.

Then I went to see Carrie and Macgill before returning to my [redacted] comfortable temporary home at Kay's.

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Thursday, October 19, 1950

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We had a meeting this morning in Doc Matthews's office on the Indo-China question. It is [redacted] complex and controversial. I had to leave before it was over for the White House. I was struck by the President's vigor and apparently excellent health. He was [redacted] cordial and friendly. When I left I encountered a barrage of reporters and next of photographers. I stopped at Donald Shepard's place and had a conversation with him about [redacted] business affairs. He has a splendid character, but has become quite deaf. Lunch in a drugstore on frankfurters, baked beans, and a chocolate soda, then afoot to the Department where I talked to Bill Lacey about Indo-China. Gerry Miller came to see me - we discussed French affairs. At 4:30 I went to call on Maurice Petsche at the Willard Hotel. He is moderately well satisfied with the results of his stay here, and thinks [redacted] the United States has been [redacted] generous and done all [redacted] it can under the circumstances. He is taking the Liberté home next week. He believes a possible solution for the German rearmament problem would be to refer it to the Supreme Allied Commander and his staff, when they are appointed, for decision.

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with the French agreeing to abide by such a decision.

I went back to the Department and had various conferences concerning Indo-China. She arrived tonight from New York. Kay, Clayton Fritchie, David Cohn and I dined together. Afterwards Joan and Herbert, and Ethel Fowler came in.

Saw Virginia today. Dear old person, she is far from well, and I have arranged to pension her commencing November First. Also, I had a telegram today from Cora Lloyd in Baltimore, saying my former butler Charles was desperately ill in hospital. He too is [redacted] old. He was a wonderful cook, butler, valet, housekeeper, with as Father said "the manners of a Grand Duke".

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Friday October 20, 1950

I went early this morning to the National Gallery. Macgill took me to see the current exhibitions including that of the Gulbenkian Collection lately displayed at the National Gallery in London. It is small in numbers and beautiful in quality. It is on loan, but eventually it is hoped he will give it to the U.S. Government. Afterwards I had a talk with David Finley and John Walker, then proceeded to the State Department where there was lots of last minute business.

At 12:15 J and I took the American Airlines plane to Lynchburg via Richmond. We reached Staunton Hill about 3:15. It was lovely in every respect. Great drama as I could not find the key to one of the wine cellars - eventually we forced it open and had an excellent bottle of Moselle - Wehlener Sonnenuhr Asulese 1935, about five years older than it ought to be but still a nectar.

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Saturday, October 21, 1950

Spent the day going over the farm with and without Mr. Tarry. We are so lucky to have Mrs. Tarry and himself here. Both the boys are studying medicine in Richmond, where Sally also is living, engaged in Social Service work. The place looks well, but there is always so much left to be done on a farm.

Read Bob Allen's "The Truman Merry Go Round" - I can't believe [redacted] our Government could be quite as bad and incompetent as he pictures it! At any rate I hope not.

Sunny and hot. Fine moon tonight.

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Sunday, October 22, 1950

Got up at 10 a.m. after the longest sleep I have had in years, and demolished a heap of fried country sausages. Took a long walk during which I frustrated the attack of a wild-looking dog on the sheep. We only have about thirty sheep now; we once had several hundred but so many were destroyed by vagabond hounds [redacted] we had to confine ourselves to those w[redacted] pastured near the house. The cattle - Herefords and Black Angus - amount to about 350 head.

Sultry this morning, but the sun came through at noon and it is hot. Much walking and talking with Mr. Tarry.

Read the "Open Road" by E.V. Lucas tonight. A good anthology. Continued reading Gouverneur Morris's Diary and Letters from Paris during the period of the French Revolution.

Telephoned Dasiy and Cherm at the Court House. They came over after dinner tonight. I love them. We talked books, fishing and politics.

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Monday, October 23

Raining this morning. Walked around with Mr. Tarry to devise a way to fence the sheep within the stone wall so they may devour honeysuckle and undesirable shoots and shrubs. E with a terrible cough that has now lasted two weeks - very disturbing. Mrs. Tarry is skeptical about the merits of the D.Y.Henry farm which I lately sold to Mr. Tarry, so I offered to buy it back from them at any time.

We had an early lunch, and motored to the Lynchburg airport to take a 3:15 lane. The weather was bad and the plane arrived from Roanoke at 4:15. We reached Richmond at 5:00, waited there an hour and dropped onto the Washington airport at 7:15, where Eddie McIlvaine had kindly come to meet us. We rushed to dinner at Paul Hoffmans; Gen. and Mrs. Marshall, the Tex Moores, the Fosters. Mrs. Marshall (like her husband) is delightful. She had been an actress in her youth, and became leading lady in Sir Frank Benson's company. She retired from the stage to marry a Baltimore lawyer, Mr. Brown, who was shot and killed by a crazy client.

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Back to the Department this morning. A flurry of affairs. I talked to Jean Monnet in Paris, [redacted] He is enthusiastic about the new [redacted] Plan for European Rearmament, chiefly inspired by himself. The terms of the proposal have not been officially announced, but the newspaper reports are rather full and agree substantially with Chip's cables on the subject. We had a large meeting on it [redacted] in Doc Matthews's office. The consensus was to express gratification over French initiative in the matter, and then consider the details.

Personally I am enthusiastic about this approach, which would do much toward bringing about a closer association amongst the free nations of Europe. However, its military implications will require close study.

In a great hurry, we lunched with Kay, talked to Mrs. Thompson about business affairs, threw things into suitcases, and, breathless, boarded the plane at 3:15, having said goodbye to all and sundry including the chauffeur Harvey whom the Arthur Gardners had generously put at our disposal.

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At 4:15 we were still sitting in the ship, waiting for a spot clear of traffic to take off from. But at last we reached New York, and a cursing ill-tempered taxi-driver brought us to the St. Regis.

We went over to dinner with the Lowmans at their penthouse, 150 East 75th St.- [redacted] wonderful to see them.

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Wednesday October 25, 1950

Walter Giblin came to see me at the Hotel this morning. Then I visited Harry Bland in his new gallery on Madison Avenue - he had an attractive painting of David Garrick as Richard III. At 11:30 I saw Ailsa at 2 East 67th and lunched at the Links with Buck Crawford. We packed heroically, and Juan Trippe took us to the airport at 2:30. He talked at length about the difficulties Pan American has encountered in trying to obtain a permit from the French Government to fly the Paris route. At Idlewild we were interviewed and photographed, but were airborne promptly at four o'clock. We sat down in Boston for an hour, and again at Gander. The berths were made up at the latter stop, but we didn't use them long, and they were scarcely worth the extra 25 each, for six hours later we were at Shannon. We had a leisurely breakfast and a long wait, finally reaching the London airport - Heathrow - at noon, English time. We had a late lunch at Claridge's, then I bought a dozen [redacted] silver-gilt plates at Phillips, 113 New Bond Street. At three I went to see Lew at home. He

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looked [redacted] still badly, and was evidently acutely suffering from his eye injury. We talked of the rearmament program. He sent us over to Paris in his plane, and we fetched up at Orly about 7:30, where Chip and David Nes met us.

Home, [redacted] content to see Tita, Odette, Nursie, the children, and the dogs.

Had to do a lot of telphoning tonight on office affairs, and felt rather fatigued.

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Friday, October 27, 1950.

The office looked natural this morning, and in half an hour I had forgotten [redacted] I had ever forsaken it. A Consular Conference has been going on here for some days, and I had a talk with the group in the course of the morning. Those present were:

Consul Walter J. Linthicum from Bordeaux

Consul Leslie A. Weisenburg from Cherbourg

Vice Consul J. Roland Jaccbs from Le Havre

Consul Horatio Mooers from Lyon

Consul General Marcel E. Malige from Marseille

Consul William L. Peck from Nice

Consul George D. Andrews from Strasbourg

Consul General Thomas H. Lockett from Algiers

Mike McLanahan came [redacted] to see me. He has been over on a business trip and amongst other things has been taking steps to restore his Château de Miséry in Burgundy, [redacted] badly damaged by its German occupants

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For lunch during the war. I had a sandwich in the office, [redacted] then saw the Pan American representatives and those of our staff [redacted] who had been dealing with the problem of the French Government's issuing a permit for Pan American to come into Paris. I had a short chat with Bob Murphy [redacted] down here for the day to see Van Zeeland. Milt Katz came over, and we both talked to Jack McCloy who had been spending the day in the country with Jean Monnet, and had lunched with Monnet, Pleven and Schuman. Their discussion centered on the issue of German armed forces, and Jack had come away convinced of the sincerity of the French views on this question, and that the French Government was not seeking to follow a dilatory course in regard to this problem. Congressman Thomas of Texas came to see me tonight; later I went over to Monnet's office and had a [redacted] talk with him. At about 8 o'clock I called on M. Schuman to discuss the Pan American case

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and other commercial affairs. At the end of this we had a lengthy discussion of the French proposal regarding Germany. He says politically it is the only possible solution which would satisfy French public opinion. He al talked about the indispensability, in his opinion, of having the Schuman Plan adopted before any conference can be held on the other question.

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Saturday, October 28, 1950.

Chip and I went [redacted] this morning to shoot at Robert Gérard's place near Rambouillet. The temperature down there cooled last night, and it was still below freezing this morning. The other guns were Jean Hottinguer, M. L'Abeille, with whom I had shot pheasants last year somewhere, and Sammy Hood. We had a wonderful, informal day tramping around in the fields and forests. We killed about 30 pheasants, 10 partridges and 60 rabbits. Avis, Colette Gérard and Colette de la Tournelle came [redacted] for lunch. When we got back, Chip and I went to the office to read today's cables. I had a long talk with Monnet tonight.

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Sunday, October 29, 1950.

I was at Rambouillet at 9:45 for President Auriol's annual shoot for the Diplomatic Corps. The diplomats now in Paris, according to the President, are not much given to gunnery, and the only active ones present were the Norwegian Ambassador, the Ambassador of Afghanistan and the Lebanese Minister. The gaps were made up by French, including President [redacted] Auriol, General Juin, lately returned from Indochina, M. Bourges-Manoury, Jacques Kosciusko, M. Schneiter, Minister of Health, as well as Duff-Cooper and M. Burckhardt. This was the first shoot of the season, and the birds were inclined to run ahead of the beaters, [redacted] then rise in a mass at the end. There were five drives, in the course of which we killed about 490 pheasants and a lot of rabbits. I was credited with 115 pheasants. After a [redacted] delicious lunch of bouillabaisse and roast duck, accompanied by an assortment of wines, I returned via Bazoches, where I talked

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Monnet. In going there I passed by a beautiful château at Les Mesnils. I had never heard of it. It looked to be of Louis XIII architecture, and I should like to return one day and see it. I went to the office and read various cables [redacted] bearing upon the Defense Ministers' meeting in Washington.

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Monday, October 30, 1950.

Mr. Moose, the Foreign Service Inspector who is doing the consulates in France and will later inspect the Embassy, came to see me this morning. I had a luncheon for Elim O'Shaughnessy at home with Eve Curie, the Jean Hottinguers, Mr. and Mrs. Weare (publisher of the Herald Tribune), the Neses and P.Z. Gerald Mayer came to see me this afternoon with a letter from Eric Johnson regarding the controversy with the French Government over the expenditure of motion picture funds held in blocked accounts by American motion picture interests in France. Royall Tyler brought in Richard Sears of Boston, who has just arrived here to be his assistant. Phil Bonsal introduced Robert Stuart to me; [redacted] having done a book on the State Department, he is now writing another on some of our embassies. Harold Callender called, [redacted] then Morris Ernst. Morris has had an extraordinary

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career as a lawyer and also as an adviser to the last two presidents. He is a[redacted] interesting man.

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Tuesday, October 31, 1950.

I spent considerable time this morning getting out the efficiency reports for which I am personally responsible. David Schoenbrun came in, [redacted] concerned about the rearmament of Germany and in general opposed to it. Messrs. Brooks, Carter, Bonsal and others met with me to consider the next step in relation to the application of Pan American Airways to bring 6-7 flights a week into Paris. This matter involves an interpretation of the Civil Aviation Treaty, and is a particularly thorny one. Oliver Harvey came around, and we had a general review of the German rearmament affair. Morris Ernst had lunch with me; [redacted] at 3 o'clock we had our first staff meeting on a new model, with an agenda previously prepared. It seems to be [redacted] useful, and we will continue to have this type of meeting three or four times a month.

Guérin de Beaumont called to discuss the attitude

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he intended to take during a conversation later today with M. Triboulet, Deputy of Calvados. This concerns the problem in which Charlie Dewey was so interested, namely the creation of a museum to contain objects relating to the Normandy landings. Triboulet wishes to have it located in the city of Bayeux, which was in the British Zone. De Beaumont intends to suggest the creation of two museums, one in the American and one in the British Zones, which seems to me [redacted] a sensible solution if it can be adopted. I talked to Jack McCloy on the telephone this afternoon. He reports the political situation in Germany as [redacted] confused and troublesome. The conversations in Washington between the Ministers of Defense over the French proposal regarding German rearmament seem to have reached a temporary deadlock from which a compromise may [redacted] emerge. Preston Grover came to see me, and afterwards Teddy White, both of them

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chiefly concerned with the German question. Harry Wilder, with a letter of introduction from Senator Lucas, called on me. He is interested in television, and has been inspecting some of the French stations. He says [redacted] they have [redacted] able technicians here, but are gravely handicapped, since it is a nationalized industry, by lack of funds for research and development.

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Wednesday, November 1, 1950.

This is Toussaint, a public holiday in France. At the office this morning. Jean Monnet came to see me this afternoon, and we had a long talk about what had transpired the last few days in Washington, regarding German rearmament. I talked to Jack McCloy tonight in Frankfort on this subject, and hope perhaps to see him here later in the week on his way to London. Dickie and Nancy Adare came for dinner tonight. Dickie said [redacted] they killed about 350 salmon last spring in the river running through their garden at Adare. [redacted]

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Thursday, November 2, 1950

telephoned
M. Pleven/[redacted] this morning to express his relief over the failure by the two Porto Ricans to assassinate President Truman. This attempt has aroused [redacted] sympathetic interest here. Amongst others, the Austrian Minister came in to offer his congratulations. I saw Mr. Flack this morning, our new Ambassador to Poland. He is looking forward to this post with keen interest, undaunted by the difficulties of dealing with the Polish Government. The Netherlands Ambassador called to talk about the French proposal for a Korean army. Evangeline is still ill with grippe and could not attend a lunch which I gave at the Residence today for the Reverend and Mrs. Sturges Riddle, the Right Reverend and Mrs. J. I. Blair Larned, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. James Houghteling, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. O. Ragonnet, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Brown, Mr. William Cousins, Miss Eva Dahlgren, Mr. George Washington Lopp, Miss Alice O'Gorman, Mr. John Robinson, Miss Dorothy Leet, Mr. John Kelly and Mr. Ike Stokes.

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Afterwards Gerry Mayer and John McCarthy of the Moving Picture Association visited me to discuss their problem of the transfer of the remaining frozen francs in their French accounts. I had a talk later with Tommy and Walter Smith on this subject.

George Volland, Mayor of Annecy, and myself were photographed while he presented me a copy of the Liberty Bell made at Annecy, one of which is to be presented in President Truman's presence to the City of Independence, Missouri, next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ross from Minesota, with a letter of introduction from Bob Butler, Ambassador to Cuba, called. Then I saw Paul Emile Victor, the famous French Greenland explorer. I had known him in 1940 when we had a project together in OSS/[redacted] to operate in the same territory. He is off in a month to the Antarctic, and upon his return will go to Greenland again.

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Friday, November 3, 1950

I talked to John McCloy in Frankfort this morning as I had also done last night. He was hoping to stop here on his way through to London, but weather conditions are so bad [redacted] he cannot do so. The Duke of Windsor came to see me about his forthcoming trip to the United States. We discussed his book which is nearing completion, the possibility of his acquiring a house in France, and [redacted] other topics. I was delighted to see Julius Holmes who has been taking a well deserved two weeks' holiday in France. I lunched at Jean Monnet's, with him and Prime Minister Pleven. The chief topic under discussion was German rearmament, and I also tried to stimulate the final agreement on the Line of Communications problem which Chip has [redacted] skillfully brought to a near conclusion. This afternoon I saw Lt. Col. Cape who has become interested in Mr. Victor's Greenland plans. Harold Callender came in, and afterwards Boris Shishkin. The latter is concerned about the various labor matters [redacted] under discussion at OSR. Morill Cody talked to me about the great build-up which

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is envisaged for USIE in Europe. We had a telegram in from the Department today advising us that a most important communication would follow, to be delivered to M. Pleven and M. Schuman at once, on the subject of German rearmament.

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Saturday, November 4, 1950

I had a talk with Henry Parkman this morning about matters of mutual concern to the Embassy, ECA France and OSR in the labor and information fields. Coordination between our three organizations is [redacted] important so [redacted] we do not get crossed up on foreign policy matters. After a series of cables, telephone calls and telecon communications I went over to see M. Pleven tonight to say, in effect, that the President, Secretary Acheson and Secretary Marshall were gravely disturbed over what appeared to be the French intransigence at the Defense Ministers' meeting on the question of German rearmament. I sent back to the Department tonight a telegram on this conference, the content of which was on the whole, I think, satisfactory.

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Sunday, November 5, 1950

I went to the American Cathedral this morning to present during the service the flags of Arizona, Louisiana, Nebraska and Nevada, [redacted] given in memory of Harriet Brewer, Herman Frasch, Senator Gilbert Hitchcock and George Isham Scott. We went to Versailles for lunch with the Arthur Gardners, Mini Munn, Alexandra Moore and John Utter.

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Monday, November 6, 1950

M. Parodi asked me to see him this morning on the subject of the Secret [redacted] note calling for a new CFM meeting to discuss German demilitarization under the Potsdam Agreement, etc. The US, UK and France will take a common stand on this matter. Arthur Gardner came to see me and gave me an Italian necktie and [redacted] Dunhill pipe tobacco. I lunched with E. at the Restaurant Taillevent which has removed to rue Lamennais near the Champs Elysées. I saw Raymond Bedouin there and had a [redacted] wine chat with him. Bill Humphreys came in this afternoon, [redacted] then Princess Antadze, a friend of Red O'Hare's. She is an American married to a Georgian (Russian), and lives at Monte Carlo. The new Ambassador of Iran, M. Soheily, who used to be head of the Persian Central Bank, came to see me. He is a [redacted] bright fellow. Carlos de Florez called, full of all sorts of intriguing ideas about Spain. Col. Brake, chairman of the Gulf Oil Company, who has just returned from Tunisia and other parts further east, told me of their extensive

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plans to try to discover oil in Tunesia. James O'Donnell of the Saturday Evening Post, who is writing a profile of Monnet for his publication, came in. He and his wife have just bought an old German blockhouse near Antibes and have built a cottage atop it. To the great relief of Chip, General Young and all others concerned, we signed with Parodi this morning the Line of Communications Agreement. This is [redacted] important and was exhaustingly difficult to negotiate. Almost 300 American trucks, on the strength of it, will immediately begin to move into France, and I have no doubt there will be loud imprecations from the communists. Sir Malcolm MacDonald came to see me tonight. He is a son of Ramsey MacDonald and I had known him well in London in 1940-41 when he was Minister of Health. He has done a fine job as British High Commissioner in the Far East. He is here in Paris unofficially, but is actually engaged in talking to the leading members of the French Government on what might be done to improve the situation in Indochina. He is quite optimistic about the outcome of the guerilla warfare in Malaya

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provided [redacted] Indochina does not fall to the Chinese and provided also [redacted] the Ch[redacted]e Communists make no direct attack on Malaya. Everyone's state of mind in regard to Southeast Asia is a trifle pessimistic because of the recent joinder of Chinese troops with the North Koreans, to the detriment of the United Nations military operations. [redacted] MacDonald says [redacted] not more than 5000 guerillas, who are almost entirely Chinese, are operating in Malaya. However, they make hit and run attacks and disappear into the jungle where it is [redacted] difficult to identify them or to dispose of them.

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Tuesday, November 7, 1950

I went to see Hervé Alphand this morning to talk about the Pleven Plan. He is hopefull of reaching a satisfactory compromise. Donald Bloomingdale came to see me. He is on leave without pay. His mother is still at the St. Regis in New York, completely felled by her stroke which occurred about a year ago. He talked of moving her to France; this would seem to me foolish. He also told me he was separated from Bethsabe and they were to get a divorce. Mr. Heller, a Russian naturalized in France, who is managing the American Ballet which enjoys the enthusiastic patronage of President and Mrs. Truman, came in to make a lot of demands for Embassy help. We are doing everything we can for this project which opens up next week. This afternoon I saw Captain Kauffman of MAAG, Richard Butrick, Director General of the Foreign Service, Harold Callender, Paul Birdsall, and Mike Meehan, the brilliant economist of the Department of Commerce. Mike believes defense expenditures will not begin to be reflected in production before the early part of

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next year, and it may well be that the United States Government will finish its fiscal year with a budgetary surplus and certainly with a cash surplus. Ashley Clarke arrived today to stay. The weather has continued for a couple of weeks to be cold, damp and rainy.

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Wednesday, November 8, 1950

The election returns show that the Democrats will have in the next Senate 49 seats, the Republicans 47. There have been considerable Republican gains in governorships and also in the House of Representatives, but in the latter there is a Democratic majority. John Kelly talked to me about his possible transfer to London. Harry Rositz talked to a meeting, which included Milt Katz, in the Wallace Library about his particular operations in CIA. It was [redacted] interesting. We had lunch with the Baumgartners at 9 rue de Valois, and afterwards I had a long talk with René Mayer about the French political situation, as well as with Georges Villiers who insists that a change in the electoral law is the most important question before the French Parliament, [redacted] The Netherlands Ambassador called for a further talk about German rearmament - he is now more optimistic about [redacted], the possibility of working out a reasonable compromise. Mr. Estimé, former President of Haiti, came to see me. He has

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been in exile since last spring and wants assistance in obtaining a visa to move his family to Cuba. Olivia Yarrow, a stepdaughter of Bernie Yarrow, applied for employment. She seemed a [redacted] bright girl of about 21. Joe Kingsbury Smith came in for a roundup of almost every political subject on earth. Afterwards I saw John W. Harris, [redacted] the contractor when Billy Delano built 2 Avenue Gabriel. He is advising Alan Jacobs about FBO operations. Chip and I went to see M. Schuman and M. Parodi at 6 o'clock and discussed the [redacted] note asking for a CFM conference. We agreed [redacted] the three nations - the U.S., U.K. and France - would keep in close contact on this question, and [redacted] coordinate their answers. Jamie Bonbright telephoned [redacted] from Washington regarding this same matter as well as others. Tonight we had a dinner principally for Tish Baldridge who is returning home the end of this week. The Klotzes were there and we were delighted to see them again.

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Thursday, November 9, 1950

Henry Parkman came to see me this morning about the French housing situation. Our people are [redacted] keen to have as expanded a program as is budgetarily [redacted]ssible, [redacted], not only because of the desperate need for low cost housing, but on account of their belief [redacted] this would be one of the measures [redacted] most effective in countering communism. I returned the call of the Indonesian Ambassador this morning. He is giving a party tonight where he is going to have [redacted] Indonesian dances which I shall be sorry to miss.

Paul Henri Spaak came to see me this afternoon. I will try to talk tomorrow to Guy Mollet in an attempt to convince him that the Socialist Party in France would be well advised to favor some reasonable compromise between the French position and our own on the issue of German armed forces, and not permit M. Moch to maintain his rigid stand on this question. Moch is an [redacted] imperious man. David Schoenbrun came to see me, and afterwards Colonel Gerber who used to be Vice President of the French Senate. He is concerned over a transaction in Germany

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and had some papers which he wanted me to forward to the authorities there. I saw General Richards, [redacted] then the Greek Ambassador, M. Raphael, who desired to ascertain my opinion [redacted] on the possibility of a compromise between ourselves and the French on the German question. Next was Harold Callender, [redacted] then [redacted] some of our own people on office matters.

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Friday, November 10, 1950

Audrey's birthday is tomorrow so I sent her a cable and wrote her a letter. I saw Denny Johnson this morning, and advised him to take the examinations for the Foreign Service even if he decides not to go into it. Walter Lippmann called and we had an interesting talk. He had seen Pleven last night, and as he is a great favorite in France he gathers some useful information. Wayne Taylor came to see me and talked about his recent tour around Europe. This afternoon I saw Helen Kirkpatrick, and afterwards M. Spaak. Spaak had lunch today with Guy Mollet, and believed that the Socialist Party in France was seeking a basis for compromise on the German rearmament question. Mr. A. J. Maddock, Vice President of Robin Steamship Lines, called on me. Also Loren Carroll, Dr. Lewis Marlio who was for some years on the staff of the Brookings Institute, came to thank me for helping him out during his recent illness at the American Hospital. He is going shortly to the United States where he will make arrangements to publish his latest

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book. Bob Solborg called to talk about French rearmament, [redacted] then Alec Griswold, who is on his way to Siam where he will spend six months in further study and preparation of his book on Siamese art.

We had dinner at Maxim's tonight, where several courses were prepared by a G.I. graduate of the Cordon Bleu. The other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bonsal, Mr. and Mrs. David Nes, Baron J. de Neuflize, Vicomte de Rohan, Mlle. Lucienne Jourfier, Mrs. Eleanor Boardmann, Comte and Comtesse Robert de Vogue, Baron Marcel Fouquier, and M. and Mme. Louis Vaudable, the owners of Maxim's.

We then went to the Marine Birthday Ball at 24 Avenue Gabriel where they had the customary procedures, [redacted] Evangeline cut the cake, and I made a speech.

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Saturday, November 11, 1950

I went shooting today at Otto Bemberg's place near Rozay en Brie. It is a wonderful shooting ground, and excellently run, with high pheasants and lots of them. We killed 245 pheasants, 4 woodcock and a few rabbits and hares. The other guns were: Prince Amédée de Broglie, Marquis de Paris, Mr. Robert Meunier du Houssoy, Mr. Stephan Vlasto, Madame Bernard Bemberg née Pracomtal, Mr. Mychel Carcano, Mr. Jacques Bemberg, Mr. O. E. Bemberg and Mr. Charles de Montalembert. Paris is a superb shot.

When I returned to the house about 8 o'clock Paul Birdsall came to see me about some urgent matters.

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Sunday, November 12, 1950

I went over to the Foreign Office to see Messrs. Parodi and Alphand this morning. They outlined the new instructions [redacted] the Government has given to Alphand and General Ely for their conduct in the meetings of the Council of Deputies and the Military Committee which commences tomorrow. The French have modified their position and now are going to suggest 1) the composition of regimental combat teams instead of divisions in the European army; 2) immediate preliminary work looking to the recruitment and training of German forces, and 3) non-discrimination against Germans in an European army. The statement to be made by Alphand is 16 pages long, and we sent it off at lunchtime today, with a translation to follow later this afternoon. The Windsors, Bill Donovan and Mary, the Leland Haywards and the Katzes came to lunch at Versailles. Afterwards I returned to the office.

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Monday, November 13, 1950

Mr. Plitt, Chief of Mission at Tangiers, came to see me, and afterwards Messrs. Bonsal, Carter, Brooks and others to have a talk about the Pan American affair which is at a standstill. This afternoon I saw Maurice Schumann and M. Catin, who wanted me to try to help obtain ECA participation in next year's Lille Fair. Jacqueline Paternôtre came in to ascertain whether there were any more American visitors coming over soon whom we would suggest should be entertained by the French Interparliamentary Committee. Mr. Bradford, vice-president of UP, arrived with Mr. Grigg. Later Bill Stoneman visited me. He thinks our action in regard to German rearmament was much too precipitate. Malcolm MacDonald called to advise me of the results of his conversations today with Letourneau about Indochina. He is quite pleased with them. Oliver Harvey and myself are seeing Schuman on the same subject tonight. I told Lee Brady goodbye. We are all sincerely sorry

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to lose him, but he will find his post in Indochina perhaps even more interesting than this one. I went to a farewell cocktail party given for him at 41 Faubourg/ St. Honoré. Tonight we had a dinner for the Walter Lippmanns. The other guests were: Gen. and Mrs. de Lattre de Tassigny, Jean Mons, Capt. and Mrs. Smith-Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Monnet, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bonsal, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Petsche, Countess Victor de Lesseps, Mr. Henry Parkman, and John Kelly.

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Tuesday, November 14, 1950

I had a talk with Red O'Hare this morning about the merits and demerits of the possible establishment of Supreme Allied Headquarters in France versus England. I communicated with Gerry Mayer on the motion picture companies' case regarding their frozen francs. The Ministry of Finance will offer them a compromise on a 50-50 basis. This case is complicated, and if the companies do not accept the compromise the French will let it go to court. Nelson Slater came to see me this morning, fresh from his shooting trip in Spain, which went [redacted] well. I saw Tomlinson and Terrill about the tangle concerning GATT which has turned up at the Torquay Conference. We are going to ask Win Brown to come over here and discuss it with some of the French officials. I went to lunch today at the University Club where Edouard Bonnefous made a really extraordinary speech, sensible and eloquent to the highest degree. He ranged over the whole field of foreign policy. M. Triboulet, the Deputy from Calvados, called on me

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this afternoon to talk about the various memorials to be erected in the U.S., British and Canadian Zones in Normandy. This is a subject [redacted] I had discussed with Charlie Dewey and on several occasions with Guérin de Beaumont. Originally it [redacted] was believed [redacted] they were going to do [redacted] little in the American Zone, but the latest plan appeared to me [redacted] fairly satisfactory. Sir Oliver Harvey called to talk about his visit last night with Malcolm MacDonald to M. Schuman on Indochinese affairs. It apparently went well, and M. Schuman was generally in accord with the sentiments expressed to MacDonald previously by Letourneau. I called on M. Parodi to take up a [redacted] number of matters including the highhanded French action in issuing a permit for Joliet-Curie to cross Germany by train on his way to the conference of the Partisans de la Paix at Warsaw without having secured the prior consent of the American authorities. The French [redacted] heard [redacted] we would detain Joliet-Curie at Munich, and Schuman [redacted] requested Parodi to have me intervene. I talked to Sam

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Reber in Frankfort about it. They decided to let him go through, but not [redacted] let him return - if he wishes to do so he must fly, which he claims might hurt his heart. The Pan American situation is still boiling, so I told Mr. Parodi about that one too, and wound up delivering my instructions received this morning to say [redacted] if conditions continued as they now were on the Korean frontier, UN aviation might have to adopt the doctrine of "hot pursuit" which would mean, in short, [redacted] our aviation would follow hostile aircraft across the frontier for a few minutes of warm work. Parodi was in a rather pessimistic mood about Soviet intentions. [redacted] Admiral Robert B. Carney, who has replaced Admiral Conolly, stopped here on his way from Port Lyautey to London. He talked about the U.S. Navy's plans for the development of the port to handle our naval operations in the Mediterranean. This is a matter [redacted] we have had up for some time with the French Government, but it has been hanging fire awaiting M. Moch's decision. Dr. Meyer came in [redacted]

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tonight to say [redacted] he had heard [redacted] he was being made the victim of a rumor campaign at the American Hospital to the effect [redacted] he was not professionally competent. Since he is one of the most famous gynecologists in the world, I told him [redacted] to not worry [redacted] about such attacks, but [redacted] I would see whether I could ascertain their source. I went to London tonight on the ferry train at 9:30.

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Wednesday, November 15, 1950

Chip and I had expected to arrive in London at 9:15 in the morning, but when we got to Dunkirk the weather on the channel was so bad we could not set forth at the appointed time. Consequently, we reached the English shore at Folkestone about 9 o'clock in the morning and did not arrive in London until 12:30. We went directly to Julius Holmes' house, where we were joined for lunch by Lew, Julius, Spofford, McCloy, Bill Gamble and Ted Achilles. We spent a couple of hours together and finally agreed on a joint communication to the Department suggesting the approval of the principles of the Pleven Plan, depending upon a relaxation by the French on some matters upon which they have been to date insistent.

In the late afternoon I went out to Crowther's, the great garden ornament place, and bought six lead Adam urns and two lead chanticleers.

I had a drink with Betty Salisbury at Claridge's, and afterwards a long talk with Alphand, who is moderately optimistic about reaching a reconciliation between the American and French plans.

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Thursday, November 16, 1950

I left London on the Golden Arrow at 10 o'clock English time (11 o'clock French time) and reached Paris at 6 this evening. I brought a long cable, I had written on the way, to the office, and drastically revised it later on tonight.

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Friday, November 17, 1950.

by telephone
I talked/to Julius Holmes and also to Chuck Spofford in London today about the European Army matter.. This afternoon Mr. Louis de la Bardonnie came to see me to give me another book by Dr. de Fontbrune. In the course of this research Dr. de Fontbrune has been convinced ~~that~~ a war with Russia will occur in almost exactly two years from now; that Russia will sweep over the continent, and a Communist government will be established in France, but ~~then~~ God will then intervene and by the use of thunderbolts and earthquakes will succeed in establishing a monarchy in France to be headed by the eldest son of the Comte de Paris. Mr. de la Bardonnie was a secret service radio operator during the war and seems ~~to be~~ a stalwart fellow. He is a true believer in the prophecies of Nostradamus. Preston Grove[illegible] and a group from AP, including a correspondent lately returned from India, called on me. Eve Curie came to dinner, and afterwards we attended the American Ballet performance at the Palais de Chaillot, and had a midnight reception for 500 or more people, chiefly

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those interested in the arts, to meet the members of the cast.

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Saturday, November 18, 1950

Mr. Leopoldo Peralta and his wife, [redacted]/Mexicans, came to see me this morning with a letter of introduction from Albert Bruce. Marie Louise Bousquet/[redacted] lunched with us; afterwards we went down to Versailles with the children to spend the night. It rained heavily all afternoon and night.

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Sunday, November 19, 1950

I took the boys for a [redacted] walk in the Park of Versailles this morning, and they flushed two coveys of partridges as well as start[redacted] up a rabbit, which gave them immense satisfaction.

The Slaters and the Diego Suarezes came for lunch. I have been trying to induce the latter to buy the Pavilion de Musique de Madame at Versailles. It is a wonderful 18th Century structure which belonged to the most prominent butcher in Versailles, who has recently died.

We have had a lot of protests in the last few days over the alleged attack by an American jet plane on the Soviet aircraft transporting Maurice Thorez to Moscow. Since the Russian pilot had disregarded all [redacted] his flight instructions and [redacted] flown into the crowded area of the American Zone without any warning to the control tower at Frankfurt, this protest on the part of the Soviets is a gross impertinence. The Communist press and the party here have faithfully heralded it as an attempt to assassinate the peerless leader, Thorez, who during the last war proved beyond any doubt that he was an absolute traitor to his own country.

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Cables have been flying around thick and fast regarding German rearmament, and the affair seems to be getting into somewhat better shape. By sympathetic negotiation, I think it can be terminated successfully. The same is true of the Schuman Plan; there is a good chance that within six weeks or so it can be reduced to satisfactory final draft form. The ECA authorities in Washington have again raised the question of extending financing in support of its implementation, but we feel here it is too early to contemplate any such arrangement.

On Eric Johnston's Motion Picture Association frozen balances matter, the French Government has made a compromise offer which McCarthy, the Vice President, has urged Johnston to accept. The Fox Movietone case does not look promising. The Pan American flights to Paris are still the subject of innumerable conferences both in this office and with the French Government. The alleged torpedoing of the Torquai GATT negotiations by the French Government has resulted in a protest conference, and the French seem to be

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displaying a more reasonable attitude on this business. The perennial problem of low-cost housing for French urban workers is always to the fore. I am now instructed to press M. Schuman for more liberal budgetary provisions in this regard. This will not be easy, since the budget is already bursting at the seams. The French have proposed a contract covering the U.S. Navy plans at Port Lyautey which looks promising. This has been the subject of almost interminable discussions [redacted] running parallel with somewhat similar ones for the U.S. Air Force program to develop extensive air base [redacted] facilities in Morocco. Fortunately the LOC difficulties have been brought to a favorable conclusion. There has been a spate of cables this week about Indochina. Letourneau has just been put in overall charge of both military and political affairs there. I think [redacted] well of him, and this grant of authority should strengthen a more aggressive approach to this desperate problem.

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Monday, November 20, 1950

I had a talk with Joe Gray this morning about the resignation of all the interns at the American Hospital. They are quitting because they do not like the French doctors who practise [redacted] there, alleging [redacted] they are [redacted] careless about keeping their records, following up on their patients, etc. I called Dean Jay and discussed this with him on the telephone, and we will shortly have a meeting to see what must be done. Gilbert Rémy, Messrs. Escarra and Jonas of the Crédit Lyonnais, and Sacha Guitry came to lunch. Guitry, as always, was [redacted] amusing. Among other things, he talked of Cécile Sorel who has recently become a nun at Biarritz. Guitry says she is a "monument historique qu'on ne visite plus". Henry Parkman came to talk about low cost housing for French industrial workers; then Mervyn Leroy who has been directing the picture "Quo Vadis" in Rome for the last nine months. He is [redacted] bright and agreeable. Bob Low, whom I had not seen for a year or longer, came to call. He is working for TIME, LIFE and FORTUNE, and has recently been in Iran [redacted] Ed Gaskell, head of the U.S. Lines, arrived with his lawyer to tell me of the difficulties

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they are having in connection with the construction of an office building at Le Havre. Harold Callender called, on the trail for news. Tonight Philippe de Rothschild and Pauline Potter dined with us. I served two excellent wines today, a Romanee Conti 1929 (which Arthur Lane had given me), and tonight a Chateau Lafitte 1906 (which I had bought from Boyer).

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Tuesday, November 21, 1950

I went to see M. Letourneau this morning and talked to him for an hour or longer on the Indochinese situation. He expects to make a spirited speech on this subject tomorrow in the Parliament.

Chip returned this morning from London. Hugh Baillie, President of United Press, Bradford, vice-president, and Grigg, the head of their Paris bureau, had lunch with me today. Mrs. Coffy of American Aid to France came in to see if I could be helpful in prolonging the life of this organization which, having expended all its funds, is apparently destined to disappear. I saw Cy Sulzberger who says conditions in Yugoslavia, except economically, have vastly improved during the past year and Tito is definitely swinging to the West and should be encouraged.

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Wednesday, November 22, 1950

This morning George Bell brought in Arthur Partridge of the Westinghouse International Electric Company. We had a [redacted] talk about the re-equipment program in France which he thinks on the whole has progressed satisfactorily. We lunched with the Dean Jays at 58 Avenue Foch. They are shortly going home for several months. The Baumgartners and the Monnets were there also, and as a result we had some political and financial talks. Baumgartner says [redacted] the foreign exchange position is showing a continued improvement, but [redacted] the budget difficulties for the coming year will be [redacted] great. George Bijur/[redacted] came to see me this afternoon. He is a [redacted] resourceful fellow. He has abandoned his advertising business at home, and for the last two and a half years has been engaged in a one man drive to stimulate exports to the United States. Amongst other exploits, he recently arranged a sale of imperfect glass eyes to American insurance companies, to be used by them in an advertising campaign in factories to warn workers of the danger of not wearing their safety glasses.

E. and I went to the vernissage of Léonor Fini./[redacted] She is [redacted] au

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original person and her paintings have a distinct quality. To-night we went to dinner with Mona Williams. She has taken the former apartment of the old Duchess of Sutherland, together with an adjoining one in the Hotel Lambert, [redacted] by far the finest house on the Isle St. Louis. It has a magnificent garden. She has brought over her English furniture from New York, and mixed as it is with French and Italian things, the results are [redacted] spectacular. She has great taste in interior decoration. The only other person there was Eddy Bismarck, and we had a Good [redacted] time.

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Thursday, November 23, 1950

This is Thanksgiving Day. There was a service this morning at the American Church; [redacted] beautiful, with prelates from all denominations present. I read the President's Thanksgiving Proclamation, and Dean Riddle preached the sermon. We had a lunch today for the Bohlens, Pauline Potter, Dr. Hauser - the great food specialist - , little Avey Bohlen, the Sulzbergers and Nobokoff. The last is an interesting Russian whom I first met at Alice Garrett's in Baltimore. After lunch, we went shopping for an hour and picked up various antiques for Versailles. Cabot Lodge arrived today by air, and came to the Embassy simultaneously with the arrival there of General Billotte. The latter gave us a lengthy talk about General de Gaulle and his plans. I then went to the Colombian Embassy where they were celebrating their independence day. They have taken the huge apartment of Paul Morand, who was exiled to Switzerland for collaboration with the Germans, on Avenue Charles Floquet. I saw the charming Vaniers there. He says the Canadian Government has finally acquired the house

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belonging to the Comte de Fels on the rue du Faubourg St. Honoré, but they cannot obtain possession during the lifetime of the old Count. As he is over 90, they probably will not have long to wait. The annual dinner of the American Legion took place tonight at the George V. It was a [redacted] pleasant occasion. I sat between Denby Wilkes and the [redacted] attractive Mme la Générale de Lattre. M. Jacquinot, the Minister des Anciens Combattants et Victimes de la Guerre, made a speech. So did I. The dinner was followed by a dance.

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Friday, November 24, 1950

Bill Donovan called me from Strasbourg last night. He is encouraged about what is said of [redacted] European rearmament at the Council of Europe meetings. Wally Booth, [redacted] now engaged in special guerilla training operations in the War Department, came to see me. He had recently been visiting his friends in his former Maquis. I lunched with David Nes at Prunier's Bar, and afterwards saw Andre Laguerre. Laguerre has been the representative of TIME in Paris, but is shortly going to New York to take a important position with the magazine there. Parodi telephoned me last night expressing his indignation over a recent TIME article which stated he had been having private conversations with the Soviet Ambassador, Pavlov, insinuating that he was making some sort of special deal between the French and the Russians. Parodi feels strongly on this subject which has been in rumor form for some time, and which he had personally denied to me. I explained this to Laguerre and he will go and see Parodi himself on the subject. At 4 o'clock I went with Cabot Lodge to the Interparliamentary Franco-American Friendship

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Group meeting at the Palais Bourbon. It was to attend this meeting that Senator Lodge has made his trip. Jaqueline Patenôtre presided. Lodge not only made an excellent opening statement in his fluent French, but submitted himself to a barrage of difficult questions which he handled with great tact, skill and effect. I think it is useful to have him here. He discussed particularly the question of German rearmament and explained to the gathering its great importance from a political standpoint at home. As a senator speaking to parliamentarians of another country he was in a position to impress them with the seriousness of our attitude on this subject and the necessity of reaching a speedy conclusion concerning it. He also saw Prime Minister Pleven today, and will visit Defense Minister Moch tomorrow.

Upon my return, I went to see Milt Katz who is having a difficult time in regard to whether or not to shut off further ECA aid to the U.K. in light of the constantly increasing foreign exchange and gold holdings of the Bank of England. Tommy is exercised over the French budget presentation today which has reduced the anticipated figure of 850 billion francs for the military budget to 720 billion francs.

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Saturday, November 25, 1950

Went to the office in the morning. I had a talk with Cabot Lodge following his conversation with Jules Moch upon which he has given us a good report. I had a lunch today for Monnet, Tomlinson and Mr. Hallstein, the German delegate to the Schuman Plan. Hallstein is a former college professor in whom Chancellor Adenauer is said to repose great confidence. He speaks English fluently and seemed to me to be a [redacted] sensible, cooperative man. He is [redacted] anxious to get on with the treaty and to have it signed by governments as rapidly as possible. The outstanding issues in controversy are 1) the method of financing the high cost Belgian coal mines, and 2) the anti-cartel provisions which the French are insisting upon and which the United States Government is generally in favor of. This afternoon René Pleven called me and asked me to come to see him immediately. He was [redacted] exercised about the attack made upon himself and Parodi in TIME and wished my advice on a purely personal basis as to whether or not he should expell Andre Laguerre from France. I strongly advised him not to do so (although I think Laguerre has been a stinker about it), as it would only magnify this incident.

We talked about a great many other matters and I found him determined

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to get ahead with the French rearmament program and hopeful over the outcome of the conversations in London regarding the German contribution of armed forces. We had expected to spend the night at Versailles but learned the fog was so heavy between St. Cloud and Versailles it was almost impossible to motor there.

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Sunday, November 26, 1950

We went to Versailles this morning at 11 o'clock. Had a lunch for Colette and Robert Gérard and a group of their friends. We then went to Robert's place near Rambouillet and killed about 160 rabbits and 9 pheasants. There was an abundance of hares there last year, but [redacted] we saw none today. It was [redacted] cold this afternoon, and tonight, which we spent at the Pavillon, there was a deep frost.

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Monday, November 27, 1950

Tommy and I went to see Maurice Petsche this morning in regard to the curtailment in the proposed French budget for military expenditures from 850 billion to 720 billion francs. We were anxious to ascertain primarily whether that would make any difference in the French undertaking to furnish 10 divisions in 1951 and to continuing its effort in Indochina. Petsche assured us [redacted] these promises would be carried out in full, which was a further corroboration of what Pleven had told me Saturday and had told Chip on Sunday. At the conclusion of a long interview he spoke of the rather large number of outstanding questions between the two governments which were causes of irritation. There is no question at all [redacted] that the Franco-American relationships is [redacted] at the present time in a delicate state. One of the principal ingredients [redacted] operating on the French side is their distrust of what they consider our rashness in Korea. The news from this area is bad today, and it would seem indicated that the Chinese Communists are actually engaging in a military effort of great scope.

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I had lunch with Georges Villiers at 45 Avenue Hoche. Some of the other leading figures in the Patronat (which corresponds in many respects to the U.S. N.A.M.) were there, including M. Guerlain, the head of the perfume company, who is also president of the Franco-American dollar committee. Villiers has a wonderful collection of Persian pottery and is an unusually attractive and able fellow. Those present were concerned, as spokesmen of free enterprise which tends here to be reactionary in sentiment, over the state dirigist tendencies of the Schuman Plan. However, as Villiers is an intimate friend of Schuman and there is mutual respect between the two, I believe they can work out their differences together. The Minister of Guatemala, Mr. Meany, came to see me this afternoon. He is a quick, birdlike man and had served here for a couple of years after the war, in the Guatemalan Legation, and therefore is returning to familiar scenes. Paul Mannheim, a partner of Lehman Brothers, came to call. He is engaged in negotiations having for their purpose the acquisition of a controlling interest in a Saar steel plant. Walter Kerr came in and we discussed various aspects of the international situation, including the crisis in Korea, of which he takes a dim view.

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Tuesday, November 28, 1950

I saw Harold Callender this morning and afterwards George Bell, who is interested in reorganizing the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris. This institution is in a moribund condition, and the idea is to try to get some young, active direction of it. This afternoon I went to accept [redacted] battle flags given by the French Chapter of the Society of Cincinnati. It was an interesting ceremony presided over by the Duc de Broglie./ I made a speech of sorts. Jon Thoresen came to see me in connection with a job [redacted] he hopes to get representing McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, [redacted] then Henry Parkman who is under pressure [redacted]/make again [redacted] strong representations to the French Government in connection with the use of Marshall Plan counterpart for low cost housing. He has seen the present leaders in the French Government as have I on this matter, and they declare themselves unable to raise their budgetary figure, which is 34 billion francs, in this regard. Col. Stilwell, [redacted] on his way to Indochina, came to see me. Afterwards I attended the Diplomatic Circle at the Elysée for the King

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and Queen of Denmark. Tonight Evangeline and I went to the Elysée for the party the President gave for them. It was beautiful, in these brilliantly lit rooms and with the splendid uniforms worn by some of the men present. The Comédie Française presented a one act play by de Musset in the private theater. There was music by the band of the Garde Républicaine and champagne by Moët et Chandon.

This has been a day of bad news. The attack on Korea by an estimated 200,000 Chinese Communists has closely followed MacArthur's declaration that our soldiers would be home by Christmas.

Locally, M. Moch was attacked on his supposed errors in the Revers-Mast affair, and lost by a considerable majority in the secret ballot censuring him. Pleven and his government offered their resignations to Auriol tonight; Auriol refused to accept them and the cabinet will meet tomorrow to deliberate over what it will do.

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Beulah and Bill Foster arrived this morning after approximately a 48 hour trip by air from Rangoon. Unfortunately for them, there has been no hot water in the house for almost a week, and they say [redacted] they have had none since they left Washington some weeks ago. Bill Donovan came to see me this morning with [redacted] interesting news about the recent Council of Europe meetings at Strasbourg. E. and I had lunch with Carlos de Florez and the Marquis de Santa Cruz. The latter is the Spanish Minister in Holland. Before that he was in Denmark and had previously spent 15 years at the Spanish Embassy in London. He is an unavowed candidate for the position of Spanish Ambassador in Washington when this relationship is again established. Eldon Bailey, the new Veterans' Attaché, came to see me this afternoon. Chip and I had a long talk with Hervé Alphand about the Deputies'/[redacted] meetings in London. A basis of compromise between the American and French plans has been outlined by Spofford. We are now not far apart, and one of the prime difficulties remaining regards the relaxation of

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controls over Germany. Winslow Gooch, a Virginia State Forester who has lately been in the Portuguese colony of Angola, came to see me. We talked particularly of reforestation in Southside, Virginia. He was familiar with my experiments there and thinks much can be done if the research being made in the conversion of scrub hardwoods to pulp result in making possible the clearing of hardwood land without financial loss, and its subsequent replanting in pines. Mr. Redmont of U.S. World Report interviewed me on various questions submitted to him by his Washington headquarters. This paper seems to take a gloomy view of conditions in France, and one of the questions was "What is the reason for the rottenness in French morale?" Merle Cochran, our Ambassador in Indonesia, came to see me. He is spending a few days in Paris on his return from Washington to his post. He says the new republic is progressing more satisfactorily than had been expected, and he has high hopes of stability and prosperity being established there. Chuck Spofford called to discuss his compromise proposals, and I also had a talk with Julius Holmes about a

rumor which has agitated the newspaper correspondents here that he had delivered an important U.S. Government note to Bevin last night. The report was untrue although he had seen Bevin at the latter's invitation. Mr. Bevin had inquired as to whether Julius had any recent news on military events in Korea where things are still going [redacted] badly. Dean is to make a nationwide broadcast on this topic tonight. I went to the Yugoslav National Fête which this year was jammed with guests. Meanwhile Messrs. Katz and Wood were giving a large cocktail party for the Fosters who returned from it to have dinner with ourselves and Ethel and George Garrett. The Chef excelled himself on this occasion, and we staggered off to the Opera about quarter to 10 where they put on the Damnation of Faust before the visiting Danish royalty. It was a beautiful spectacle. The members of the audience were dressed to the teeth, and Queen Ingrid was wearing a crown that was even prettier than the one she had on last night. The King is a great music enthusiast and sometimes conducts the Copenhagen Orchestra himself. The Queen is half Swedish and half English.

She and Evangeline seem to have discovered [redacted]

[redacted] they have a joint uncle in the form of Pat Ramsay whom I have yet to meet, but who writes [redacted] amusing and cynical letters to E. from Lisbon.

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Thursday, November 30, 1950

After an 8:30 breakfast with Bill Foster I went over to see M. Schuman at the Foreign Office to deliver [redacted] a personal letter from Mr. Acheson expressing the hope that the French Government would accept the compromise plan on German re-armament proposed by Spofford. M. Schuman said [redacted] he was most desirous of reaching a settlement, would discuss the matter with the Prime Minister this afternoon, and let us know tomorrow. I lunched at the American Club where Mr. Malik, the Indian Ambassador, was the guest of honor. He made an excellent speech regarding Indian policy, both internal and external. Malik is a fine figure of a man. Being a Sikh, he wears his beard gathered in a kind of hair net. He was a Wing Commander in the RAF, a graduate of Oxford, and a famous athlete. His English is perfect. He was for some years Indian Trade Commissioner in the United States, and afterwards the Indian High Commissioner or Ambassador to Canada before coming here. Mr. Paton from the British Embassy came to see me to arrange for a meeting next week with Stewart Menzies who will be spending a day here... Margaret

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Frickelton called on me. She had been for many years Ted Rousseau's secretary at the Guaranty Trust in Paris and now wants a position with the U.S. Government. She became a naturalized American citizen a couple of years ago, being British by birth. Michel Pasteau, better known to me under his code name of "Moutard", who was with me at Rambouillet and came into Paris with me on liberation day in 1944, arrived with René Lacoste, the famous tennis player, as well as with the head of the French Bendix enterprize, to discuss an alleged discrimination matter. Captain Chailleux-Bourgignon, a former OSS operator who has become a singer, called with his manager to obtain help in getting a military permit to visit the American Zone in Germany and sing to the troops. The French are [redacted] excited today over a news flash about the President's press conference in which he was said to have declared that the determination to use the atomic bomb in Manchuria would be left to General MacArthur. About a half hour later another news flash carried a statement that this determination - which is the case under our law - could only be made by the President himself.

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Friday, December 1, 1950

Ernest Weir, President of the National Steel Company, [redacted] came to see me this morning with Gordon Aitkin of the City Bank. Weir is quite a remarkable rugged individualist. I had not seen him for 15 years, but in appearance he has aged [redacted] little. I went to see Minister Letourneau and had a long talk with him about Indochinese matters. This afternoon Jack Oakie visited me. He is leaving shortly for New York, to be stationed there. He will continue to work for World Commerce Corporation. Mr. Pusta gave me a long disquisition on displaced persons. Loren Carroll called, and then John Stewart's widow, with quite a delegation, to ask for an investigation of the American Hospital in connection with the resignation of the interns. David Schoenbrun came in, [redacted] then Harold Callender. I was supposed to attend the opening of the Grandma Moses exhibition at USIE headquarters, but left the office so late I could not stop by. I found Mr. and Mrs. Koontz waiting for me at home. They had a letter of introduction from Nathan Lichtblau. He seems a [redacted] enterprising export-import figure and also a powerful contributor is said to be

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[redacted] to the Democratic National Committee, which may account for Lichtblau's interest in him.

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Saturday, December 2, 1950

Callender came back this morning. He is having a lot of trouble with the TIMES because of the divergence between his reports from France on German rearmament - which seem to me factual and excellent - and the opinion of the TIMES as reflected in its editorial columns. Virginia Clarke arrived last night to spend 24 hours. I had lunch today with Maurice Petsche. We tried to analyze the various sources of irritation now existing between the U.S. and the French Governments. Unfortunately they are numerous. Late this afternoon Virginia, E., the children and myself went down to Versailles. We spent the night there.

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Sunday, December 3, 1950

It snowed last night, and the Versailles Park was particularly beautiful this morning. We came in this afternoon and Chip met me at the Residence with [redacted] telegrams. Pleven and Schuman had gone to London Saturday to see Mr. Atlee before the latter's take-off for America. In the course of their visit they [redacted] suggested to Spofford [redacted] the French might wish to accept the Dutch plan for a NAT High Commissioner to preside over [redacted] European rearmament, and abandon their previous stand in favor of a Western European Minister of Defense or High Commissioner. This seems [redacted] an idea [redacted] evolved during their meeting with Atlee. It represents a [redacted] marked change in the previous French position and will require thorough examination. I talked to Spofford about it tonight. He said [redacted] Alphand was leaving this evening for Paris to discuss it with members of the cabinet. Had it not been for this sudden possible change in French policy an agreement was so close [redacted] it seemed a matter of days before it would be concluded. We know nothing of the reasons for this alteration in approach, and it points up once more the bad

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liaison between the French Government and the Embassy which comes, I think, not from any lack of confidence in the Embassy, but from the individualistic and careless way in which the French make presentations on matters of importance. I shall discuss this with Pleven and Schuman as soon as possible. Petsche is fully aware of the faulty liaison, but is not in a position to do anything to correct it.

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Monday, December 4, 1950

Hervé Alphand came to lunch with me today and we had a long talk about German rearmament, and discussed various combinations whereby the French and American viewpoints might be reconciled. Bill Gower came in to see me regarding Eddie Molyneux's art collection. Eddie is losing his eyesight, and wants to store the pictures while he goes to the United States for treatment. I suggested we might arrange for them to be sent to Washington on loan to the National Gallery. Henry Cassidy of NBC is leaving to take a position in the home office. He came to say goodbye and I am [redacted] sorry [redacted] he is not remaining in Paris. Dean Riddle arrived with a beautifully printed booklet on the activities of the Pro-Cathedral, to be sent to President Truman. We were photographed in the act of delivery. I went to see Monnet, and Alphand was also there. We carried further the talk [redacted] I had [redacted] with Hervé at lunchtime. I went from there to see M. Schuman where we had another hour on the same subject. We had dinner at Pauline Potter's with quite a group of people. About midnight Alphand came up to the house and we had a talk about what had

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developed in his conferences with members of the French Govern-

ment during the day.

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Tuesday, December 5, 1950

A vast delegation of Air Force and Naval Officers appeared this morning to talk to Chip, Woody and myself about airports at Port Lyautey and in Morocco generally. Amongst them were Pete Hamilton and George Brownell. This is an involved question and the French are exceedingly touchy about it.

Admiral Ballantine, the Commanding Officer of the 6th Fleet, came later to see me, then I had a short talk with my old British friend Captain Bob Wilson, who is staying here for a few days.

I went to pay my return call on the Iranian Ambassador. He has lately had long conversations with Pavlov, the Soviet Ambassador, who told him America is determined to make war on the Soviet Union and all our policies are dictated by Wall Street. The Iranian, being an old banker himself, regards this statement as a lot of damned foolishness, but thinks his expressed Pavlov may sincerely cherish belief. I had Elim O'Shaughnessy, Bill Tyler, Woody, Chip and Phil Bonsal for lunch at the Embassy to meet Alan Kirk who is coming here for a few hours on his way through from Moscow via London to

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New York. Alan was [redacted] late and arrived at the tag end of [redacted] lunch. He says [redacted] we have no intelligence in Moscow regarding Soviet intentions or, in short, anything else. This afternoon Sir Stewart Menzies came to see me. He told me [redacted] interesting things about his present activities. Cy Sulzberger came in. He is, to my mind, one of the best informed men in Europe. Walter Laves of UNESCO stopped by to tell me goodbye. He has resigned and is going home. He feels [redacted] the U.S. should either assert a definite leadership in UNESCO in addition to its financial contribution, or else abandon it. Carlos de Florez gave me a disquisition on Spain. I then had a talk with Harold Callender. Tonight was the annual banquet of the Anglo-American Press Association of which Oliver Harvey and myself are the honorary presidents. I had to cancel my attendance since by telecon, telephone and cable we have been struggling all day with Washington to try to bring about an arrangement that will suit the French concerning German rearmament. I went home and at various times during the night talked by telephone to Spofford, Achilles and Alphand on this subject. George Perkins called me at 1 o'clock

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in the morning to inform me [redacted] the Department was as yet unable to get clearance for the letter from Acheson to Schuman which we had hoped would button the matter up.

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Wednesday, December 6, 1950

This is Eve Curie's birthday, and I called her up this morning to congratulate her. General de Lattre de Tassigny came to see me to say [redacted] he had just been appointed High Commissioner for Indochina and will be invested both with military and [redacted] civil authority. De Lattre is a[redacted] attractive, agressive man, hard to handle, highly individualistic, and convinced of the paramount importance of close liaison there between himself and the American authorities. Kippy Tuck stopped in to offer his services in case of any movement by the Russians against Western Europe. The Communists are still bombarding us with protests against the atom bomb, and for days we have had an unusual number of police around the Embassy. There has been no organized demonstration, however, as threatened, and the people that come here with petitions are [redacted] orderly. Bill Donovan came to see me and we talked of our old trade. Pleven came to lunch at the house. He had just left a cabinet meeting, occupied chiefly with the German rearmament question. It will resume later on

this afternoon and this evening. He is having trouble with some of his colleagues who feel that any German rearmament will provoke the Russians to offensive action. The chief of them is Guy Mollet, head of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, who says [redacted] he cannot reconcile this [redacted] policy with his "conscience". However, Pleven has already more or less carried the day and will try to keep Mollet from resigning. I talked to Alphand who is leaving for London this afternoon and will await there final instructions from his government about delivering a statement. Meanwhile we are telephoning back and forth around the circuit to try to get Washington to agree to send out its letter to Schuman on this subject which will be published at some later date. Mona Williams came to see me in connection with some passport cases. She says [redacted] Harrison is coming over for Christmas. Jon Jerome Ffoulks, Owen Garnett's brother, came to see me. He is bilingual in English and French and wanted volunteer for work in the Embassy in the event of any emergency. Count Robert de Billy came to see me to say [redacted] he was worried over the constant

press criticism of the United States which has become accentuated since the campaign in Korea has gone badly. He offered his good offices to see any French personalities in this connection if I so desired. We had a meeting of the American Hospital Board to discuss the agitation [redacted] in connection with the resignation of the American interns there. I advocated the appointment of a small committee to draw up a comprehensive statement covering the history, powers, etc., of the Hospital for public presentation. This was adopted, and such a report should prove useful for it is not generally known that the hospital is supported by private donations and has no access to government funds with one exception - namely [redacted] the ECA has given it a contribution out of 5% counterpart francs for plant rehabilitation. Sam Reber was here from Germany, and we talked about the language which we think should be embodied in the letter from the Secretary to Schuman on German rearmament. All day we have been telephoning between London, Paris, Washington and New York about this matter, and we hope [redacted] something will be forthcoming tonight.

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Ambrose Chambers came to see me after the hospital meeting - he is going to serve on the committee charged with drawing up a statement.

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Thursday, December 7, 1950

I saw Perle Mesta this morning. She who has just arrived back one of her over frequent visits to from the United States. I went to see M. Schuman at noon to give him a draft of the letter [redacted] Mr. Acheson proposes to send him if and when an agreement is reached on German re-armament. He was [redacted] pleased [redacted] with it. Irving Brown was the guest speaker today at lunch at the American Club, and I introduced him. [redacted] He has been in Europe since 1945 as the foreign representative of the American Federation of Labor, [redacted] Mac Goodman came to see me to say goodbye. He is going on home leave, but hopes to return to the ECA French Mission after the first of the year. We had our first meeting on the reply to the Soviet [redacted] note, at the Quai d'Orsay. Harvey and Mallett represented the British, Parodi, [redacted] de la Tournelle and others the French, Chip and myself the United States. We gave them our most recent draft of a suggested reply. Toward the end of the meeting the British did the same. The French made an oral presentation. The consensus was that our reply should

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be concerted and perhaps identical, and it should accept the principle of a meeting between the foreign ministers of the four powers but not on the narrow base presented by the Russians. We adjourned tonight; will meet again at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon for further discussions. Tonight we had a telephone carnival. Spofford, [redacted] and myself talked back and forth between Paris and London, Bonbright from Washington, etc. The French had made a last minute objection to one of the provisions in the Deputies' agreement. Only M. Schuman could give the necessary authority and his staff felt [redacted] he should not do so until tomorrow morning; but finally we brought the matter to his attention and late tonight he authorized Alphand to go ahead. The question involved was one really for the consideration of the Military Committee, and regarded the question of whether during the provisional period German combat teams should be attached to existing Allied divisions. We are now hopeful that tomorrow the Deputies will reach a final agreement, and the struggle will recommence next week in the Military Committee which will

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convene in London.

Early this morning Chip, George Brownell and myself went to see [redacted] M. Moch being absent, to discuss the question of air bases in Morocco. The American thesis is that the prime contractor must be an American, that we can build a good airfield two or three times faster than the French, that as we are putting up all the money, we should exercise a complete control. This is not palatable to the French, who wish the work done through their Ministry of Public Works in Morocco. We are to meet again on this [redacted] Saturday. The proposed expenditure by the Air Force may amount to as much as 80 million dollars, and that of the U.S. Navy at Port Lyautey to about 25 million dollars.

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Friday, December 8, 1950

John Harris, the contractor, came to see me this morning. He has examined 41 Faubourg St. Honoré and believes it would cost the franc equivalent of 4 to 500,000 dollars to remodel it. Because of its large cubic footage - about 1,000,000 cubic feet - he would favor, if one had the option, rebuilding rather than remodeling on this site, and erecting an office building on the Rue St. Honoré side. Whichever way one looks at it, it would be [redacted] expensive job. On such undertakings at home one figures usually about 50 cents a cubic foot for remodeling, and about $1.50 a cubic foot for reconstruction.

We were due to start today by plane to Madrid and then go on and stay with General Juin at Rabat before proceeding to other parts of Morocco. On account of the international situation, however, we cancelled the trip. MacCloskey brought General Sprey, the head of Military Air Transport, to see me, together with the new commander of Orly Field who will replace our good friend Col. Webster.

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We had lunch today with Elizabeth Gautier-Vignal, her brother, her son, and Mme Roland de Margerie. I had not seen Elizabeth's brother for many years. He still has his father's beautiful Roman villa place in the hills behind Cannes. Chip, Bill Crawford and I went back to the Quai d'Orsay at 3:30 and spent the afternoon working on the draft of a note to the Soviets. It will be put in final shape tomorrow morning. After this meeting Oliver Harvey and Mallett, Chip and myself met in Parodi's office with Guy de la Tournelle and Roland de Margerie present. Parodi told us of the grave concern with which Schuman and himself viewed the possible reaction of the Russians to German rearmament. He thought it the thing most likely to provoke the Soviets to an occupation of Western Europe. At the same time he felt there was no alternative to the action taken by the NAT powers on this question. We had an interesting exchange of opinions. I talked to Ted Achilles in London tonight. The meeting of the Deputies proceeded satisfactorily today and they will recommend that the Military

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Committee convene in London early next week to carry the

proceedings further.

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Saturday, December 9, 1950

M. Gagnère, the charming antiquaire, came to see me this morning, with a pair of beautiful Louis XVI candlesticks. However, they are too ornate and I do not want them. George Bell talked of a replacement as president of the American Chamber of Commerce for Roy Weeks who has announced his intention of retiring. Mr. Lang, head of radio activities of Radio Free Europe, asked my advice regarding how he might best approach the French Government on a request to be permitted to install transmitters in North Africa. Congressman Gavin of Pennsylvania, a member of the Armed Services Committee, accompanied by Col. Lancefield and Lt. Col. Welcher, arrived in a [redacted] forceful mood. He delivered a speech which would have filled pages of the Congressional Record on the lack of combativeness of the French, [redacted] that the British will not work on Saturdays, that their Socialist Government, which is worthless, is [redacted] sustained in power by American money, and that the Germans are the only people in Europe who really mean business and are straining at the leash to fight the

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Russians. George Brownell came to lunch. We were joined afterwards by Chip, and talked for a couple of hours about the proposed American air bases in Morocco. I came down to the office to deal with the cable from the State Department asking whether it was agreeable to M. Schuman to have a meeting of the foreign ministers of NATO in Brussels on December 18 and 19. Also Dean would like to meet [redacted] Bevin and Schuman privately on the afternoon of the second day and discuss the German rearmament question. I told this to Messrs. de la Tournelle and de Margerie who doubted whether they could reach Schuman who is slated to make a speech in Brussels tonight. However, later in the evening they did manage to communicate with him and he has accepted these dates. About 6:30 I called on Oliver Harvey at his house. We discussed the negotiations over the answer to the Soviet [redacted] note calling for a CFM meeting. Then we strayed into the inevitable topic of German rearmament. E. and I went down to Versailles late tonight where the children had gone for the weekend.

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Sunday, December 10, 1950

Had a good walk in the park. Afterwards Bob and Margery Wilson, Walter and Vivienne Kerr, the Neses and Merle Oberon came to lunch. Merle has a mania for old houses and would like to buy one near Paris. I recommended [redacted] she look at the Pavillon de Musique de Madame at Versailles. It is not placed in attractive surroundings, but has one of the finest interiors in France. We came back to Paris tonight and I telephoned Jack McCloy to urge him to press Chancellor Adenauer to instruct his representative to get the Schuman Plan draft in final form and for the German Government to sign it. [redacted]

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Monday, December 11, 1950

Michel has been ill for some days at the American Hospital. I talked to his doctor who says [redacted] he has recovered from the blood poisoning which had initially stricken him, but [redacted] he has [redacted] high blood pressure, a heart flutter, and one or two other disturbing ailments. He had his 60th birthday last week, and as always, boasted of his tough Russian "carcass." He is a fine man. Fisher Howe came to see me this morning. He had been making something of a tour of Europe for the Department and is only here for a few days. I had Mr. Laurant, the president of the Banque de l'Indochine, for lunch. He is [redacted] intelligent and [redacted] informative about conditions in the Far East. I told him, [redacted] entirely unofficially, [redacted] he should use his influence to stop any possible shipments of steel and other prime/strategic materials to Communist China. This he promised to do. Prince André Poniatowski called to see me in connection with certain matters affecting French clandestine activities. André is in private business with Paillol, the [redacted] effective former chief of the French

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counter-espionage services, whom I once knew well. / Anne Ekstrom called to say goodbye before he and his wife go home to stay a couple of months. Mme Bidault sent M. Marist, [redacted] a friend of Georges Bidault and herself, to try to obtain my help for a visa to the U.S. I have had several long talks today with George Brownell about the Moroccan air base question which is still hanging fire.

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Tuesday, December 12, 1950

Came to the office this morning and left with E. at noon on Air France for London. This plane is quite famous for its food, and we had the following menu: Cocktail Air France, Croustade de Langouste Parisienne, Oeuf Poché Andalousie, Cornet de Jambon Tzarine, Pièce de Boeuf Rotie, Aiguillette de Caneton Valencia, Asperges de Lauris Sauce Tartare, Fromage, Barquette aux Marrons, Fruit de France, Champagne, Café, Cognac Hine ou Liqueur Royal Combier. It was absolutely delicious. In addition to what was listed there was also a [redacted] good red Bordeaux. I did some shopping in the afternoon, [redacted] then went to the Embassy where I saw Chuck Spofford, Al Gerhardt and other officials for a talk about the meetings of the Deputies and the Military Committee. We spent the night with Virginia and Ashley.

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Wednesday, December 13, 1950

I went back to the (London) Embassy this morning for further conversations. It was [redacted] foggy this afternoon, and there was some question as to whether the Air France plane could take off, but finally we did so at 4 p.m. As we neared the English coast we ran into clear weather but were unable to land as scheduled at Orly and went on to Le Bourget.

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Thursday, December 11, 1952

Another long talk with George Brownell this morning about Moroccan air bases. The affair has gone badly. The French cabinet considered it yesterday and would not agree to the proposal [redacted] the technicians had worked out, insisting that the development be done through the Travaux Publiques in Morocco. I saw Baroness van Zuylen for a few minutes. She and her husband have asked me several times to shoot at their place in Holland which is said to be [redacted] beautiful. M. Herriot was the guest speaker at the American Club lunch today. He is about 78 and badly crippled by arthritis. He made a really stirring discourse on Franco-American friendship, illustrated by various personal reminiscences. He has been Mayor of Lyon for 46 years and is a wonderful old man. His recent books are as marked as his earliest ones by literary finish. He leaves his duties as president of the National Assembly and returns to Lyon each weekend – a [redacted] hour trip each way. William Faulkner, [redacted] just arrived from Sweden where he had been awarded the Nobel Prize, came in

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with his 17 year old daughter. He is a picturesque character with a southern drawl. He had not been to Paris for 25 years. I saw Harold Callender this afternoon, and later Preston Grover and Carter Nicholson. At 5 o'clock Chip and I had a telecon with Washington on the subject of the answer to the Soviet note which Chip has been handling. Washington has questioned some of the language agreed upon by ourselves with the French and British. The last two nations are [redacted] anxious to have a Foreign Ministers' conference whereas the American Government seems lukewarm and suspicious of it, since the [redacted] policy makers of the State Department [redacted] are doubtful [redacted] whether the Russians intend such a conference to be other than a propaganda meeting. I talked to [redacted] George Brownell and Capt. Burroughs of the U.S. Navy about Port Lyautey and the American air bases. We have a delegation here from the Air Force and Navy of 10 [redacted] highpowered individuals who have become increasingly frustrated over a period of two weeks. At quarter of 8 I went to see M. Pleven on this

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subject. He insisted that under French law the work must be handled through the Travaux Publiques. I told him that the location of the bases had been selected as part of the NATO strategic plan, that the American Air Force had been assigned the task of strategic bombing, that our planes would be used not for the defense of the continental United States but of the Continent, that except for the French donating the land upon which the fields would be constructed, the U.S. would bear all of the costs, that our final determination as to contracts, etc., was essential, that we viewed this as a matter of extreme urgency and that opinion at home was aroused over the dilatory action of the French Government in this regard. M. Plevan said that he would look into the matter personally and let us hear from him tomorrow.

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Friday, December 15, 1950

I had a talk with Jimmy Riddleberger this morning. He has been assigned the unpopular task of surveying the personnel needs of OSR and making recommendations of desirable cuts. They are presently employing about 1400 people. In the Information Section alone there are 100 odd Americans and another hundred foreigners. Admiral Espy of U.S. Naval Intelligence came in this morning to see me with Hank Smith-Hutton. George Bell accompanied Mr. Crampton, a retired representative of Standard Oil whom I have known for several years. We have tried to persuade Mr. Crampton to become president of the American Chamber of Commerce. His health, however, is too bad for him to take it at this time, but he is willing to do so in about a year. I think it would be an excellent appointment. Paul Thompson, the new head of UNESCO, called on me. Jack McCloy was to fly down here this morning from Frankfort, but the snow was so heavy he was unable to land either at Orly or Le Bourget, and turned back. I had arranged for him to lunch with Messrs. Schuman, Monnet and myself. As a

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result, we three were left together and I had an interesting talk with M. Schuman. Amongst other things he has promised to lend his best efforts today to persuading the French Government to accept a compromise formula on the Port Lyautey and other Moroccan bases. Wilfrid Baumgartner came to see me this afternoon. He says the fiscal position of the government is quite satisfactory. Dick Eldridge called to say goodbye before leaving for home where he will spend about a month. Poor Jack started off again from Frankfort to Paris at lunchtime today, but finally gave up the attempt when one of his motors failed somewhere over Germany. With George Brownell and Capt. Burroughs of the U.S. Navy I went to see M. Pleven at 7:30. He called in M. Mons and M. de Laboulaye. At the conclusion of our conference he said he would take up the Moroccan air base question at a meeting of the Defense Committee tomorrow, and believed it could be worked out on lines acceptable to both governments. We came back to the office and sent telegrams on this subject.

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Saturday, December 16, 1950

I went to call on the Dutch Ambassador this morning. He is worried about the Soviet [redacted] reaction to German rearmament, but being a stout Netherlander he thinks we have no alternative but to push ahead vigorously with NATO plans. I had a short talk with Doug MacArthur who is on his way to Brussels. It is [redacted] evident that anti-French feeling is riding high in the Departments at home. I also talked to Durbrow, [redacted] now in charge of personnel in the Department. He was for many years in Moscow. M. Laurant, the president of the Bank of Indochina, came to see me. The next was Col. Valentin. He [redacted] in Paris [redacted] serves as a sort of backstop/to Gen. de Lattre. It seems that de Lattre, just before his departure yesterday, was given a dressing down by the Prime Minister and later by M. Letourneau because of representations presumably made by me that he had indicated to some of the people in the Embassy a lack of sympathy for Vietnamese aspirations. There is no truth at all in this. I was in London at the time of the lunch where these remarks were said to have been made.

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and I have not seen M. Letourneau for two weeks. I explained all this to Valentin who will try to clean up this affair. It is probably ascribable to some malicious enemy of the general. This afternoon I was at the office, chiefly occupied with the Moroccan air base question. Tonight word came through that the French Defense Committee had approved the suggested agreement in principle.

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Sunday, December 17, 1950

After working almost all night, Brownell and Co. had whipped the Air Base Agreement into [redacted]-final form this morning. They are telegraphing it to Washington. We had lunch at Versailles - the Chambers, Marie Louise Bousquet, Louise de Vilmorin, and the Klotses. We heard about 3 o'clock that Avis had had her baby, an 8 pound girl. Her mother, Mrs. Thayer, and Chip came to dinner with us in Paris tonight, both, if possible, more relieved than Avis.

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- The Independence, carrying Dean Acheson and his group to Brussels, was prevented from landing there this morning by bad weather and came in to Orly. Chip and I motored out and spent an hour with them before they took off again. They all seemed in good heart but burdened, as is natural, with the complex problems confronting them. At lunchtime I took a walk from Place St. Clothilde back to the office and had a sandwich there. Percy Winner came in to see me this afternoon about an involved visa case. Dorothy Leet, who runs Reid Hall, told me of her plans if things go badly, for the evacuation of her 260 students. General Malony, [redacted] just arrived here after a comprehensive tour of Southeast Asia, visited me with a Navy Commander. He was [redacted] impressed by Malcolm MacDonald, but is gloomy over the situation in that portion of the world. He is disgusted with the Filipinos but thinks Magasaysay their new Minister of Defense may inject some spirit into them. John Robinson, president of the Board of Governors of the American Hospital, arrived with the latest

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draft of their policy statement which they intend to publish in the Herald Tribune in an effort to allay the criticism lately directed against the hospital. Monnet telephoned me about the Schuman Plan which it now appears cannot be signed before the middle of January. M. Pleven called me later to emphasize that the agreements being reached regarding Moroccan air fields constituted an exception to French policy which will not be repeated. He does not seem happy about the affair and said he was going through with it as a personal favor to me. This afternoon, news appeared in the French press that I had delivered a note last Friday to the Foreign Office indicating a relaxation on the part of Dean Acheson of his views regarding the importance of immediate German rearmament. Unquestionably this leak came from someone in the French Government, although there have been similar backslidings on other topics emanating from Washington. I went over to see Guy de la Tournelle, who is Acting Foreign Minister in the absence of Messrs. Schuman and Parodi, and told him this sort of thing was intolerable. The truth of the matter is

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that many people in our Government are so irritated with the French and vice versa that we are forever saying unpleasant things to each other. However and fortunately, the personal relationships between members of this Embassy and the French Government remain excellent. De la Tournelle called in his press chief and showed me the denial [redacted] made earlier today of this news. After further talk on this topic I told him of my strong personal feeling as to the injudiciousness and impropriety of the French Government permitting the projected export of steel rails to China where they [redacted] might be used to construct a railroad line toward the Indochinese border. At the same time that the French Union troops are being killed there, this would furnish the Chinese a means to make the Vietminh [redacted] attacks even more sanguinary. He agreed entirely with this and said he hoped I would take it up with Messrs. Schuman and Parodi again next week. Earlier today, General Malony [redacted] told me that in the evacuation of the frontier posts 200 French officers had been killed. He added that the retreating garrisons had taken a heavy toll of their

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enemies, but [redacted] altogether they had lost 4000 or more

French soldiers killed. The Foreign Legion, praised, as was to have

been expected, had sold their lives [redacted] dearly.

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Tuesday, December 19, 1950

I had my finger prints taken again this morning, the last impression having been unsatisfactory. General Harris, who came over on the first flight of Pan American to Paris, called with Jack Kelly and Clem Brown to see me. I was visited by the Pakistan Ambassador, Sirdar Muhammed Nawaz Khan, a fine looking man. He takes a pessimistic view of the possibility of an early settlement of the Kashmir dispute. This afternoon I saw Teddy White, then Harold Callender, and afterwards Armand Denis and his new wife. Armand is in great form and keen to go back to the undeveloped portions of Africa and do more documentary moving pictures. I talked to Leon Goldenberg about the question of shipping French steel rails to China. He says the French industrialists are much against this business but believe the Government may wish to go on with it in the hope it will give them a bargaining point with the Mao-Tse-Tung government. Mr. Mooers, who has been for three years our Consul at Lyon and a good one stopped to see me. He is going home tonight to take

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up his new post at St. John's, Newfoundland. I had my usual chat with George Brownell on Moroccan air bases. The conference in Brussels has apparently progressed satisfactorily. I talked to Al Gruenther on the telephone. He is to be Eisenhower's Chief of Staff, for which he is ideally suited. The appointment of Eisenhower as Supreme NATO Commander was announced today and has had a most favorable reception.

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Wednesday, December 20, 1950

I talked to Al Gruenther at the airport this morning. He expects to return with General Eisenhower around the first of January and they will probably make their headquarters, temporarily at least, at the Hotel Astoria in Paris. They are considering Fontainebleau or Versailles as possible locations for permanent headquarters. We received a cable this morning from the Department taking exception to certain language in the Moroccan Air Base Agreement on the grounds [redacted] it might surrender some of our extraterritorial treaty rights in that country. We will have to try to get this changed language adopted by the French. Mr. Bowie came down from Frankfort last night and I had a talk with him about [redacted] difficulties [redacted] the Schuman Plan is encountering and urged [redacted] he try to get McCloy to press Adenauer to take a vigorous position in regard to signing the treaty. I was invited today to lunch with the "Dauphin" of the Académie du Vin de France. Gaston Briand from the Cognac district was

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my particular host. I had been to one of these luncheons previously. There are twenty members of the Académie, and it is an agreeable occasion even apart from the excellence of the food and some of the wines. It took place this year at the Restaurant Taillevent, and the menu was: Le Foie Gras en Brioche; Le Gratin de Homard; Les Selles d'Agneaux et la Jardinière de Légumes: Les Endives et Navets braisés et les Fonds d'Artichauts Meunière; La Salade de Saison: Mâches, Céleris, Betteraves; Les Fromages: Brie, Roquefort-Société et Camembert de St.-Maclou; Le Gâteau de Pithiviers; Les Poires Comice, les Calvilles et le Raison Noir de Muscat; Le Café Filtre; Les Vins: Riesling 1947, Vienvenue-Batard-Montrachet 1947, Corton-Charlemagne 1947, Hospices de Beaune (Corton), Chateau Lafite 1934, Chateau Haut-Brion 1900, Chateau Lafite-Rothschild 1899, La Romanée-Conti 1938, Chateau d'Yquem 1904, Champagne Clos des Goisses 1947, Grande Fine Champagne 1900.

The lunch started at 12:30 and we adjourned rather reluctantly toward 4 o'clock, after which I saw Jimmy

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Riddleberger. The Chinese Minister called on me this afternoon. He is [redacted] conscientious about [redacted] his duties. Apparently he wanted me to try to induce the French Government to take steps to endorse Chiang Kai-Shek, and in effect to launch a formal defiance of the Communist Government in China. I was not encouraging. Woody and Monica Wallner came for dinner tonight, and afterwards we went to see "Malatesta", by Henry de Montherlant, at the Marigny Theatre. There were wonderful stage settings and a [redacted] remarkable cast headed by Jean-Louis Barrault and Madeleine Renaud. The play itself was full of declamation of a violent nature, and winds up with the poisoning of Malatesta by a man whose life he had saved and in whom he reposed full confidence. The audience seemed enthusiastic about the acting but not about the play.

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Thursday, December 21, 1950

I had a long talk this morning with Tick Bonesteel. He is concerned over the reorganization of NATO and its future relationship with ECA and OEEC. We had a lunch today primarily for Max Brusset of the National Assembly, with the following guests: M. and Mme. Brusset, Count Robert de Billy, Miss Jocelyn Arundel, the Marquis and Marquise de Ganay, Mr. and Mrs. Willing Spencer, Mr. Philip Sprouse, Miss Sheila Page Morris, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hayter, Mr. and Mrs. Philippe Hottinguer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terrill.

This afternoon Frank Crawford came to see me. He is interested in the importation of casein from France. The difficulty seems to be that the purity of French casein leaves much to be desired; otherwise it is an article which might be sold to the United States at the present time at a rate in excess of 5 million dollars a year, which would be helpful to the French foreign exchange position. Messrs.

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Wapler and Froment-Meurice from the French Foreign Office came over with additional [redacted] changes in the Moroccan Air Base Agreement. It now appears impossible to sign this tonight, and Brownell and Hamilton have cancelled their plane passage home. I talked to George Perkins in Washington. Things in the Department have been moderately quiet as far as cabling is concerned during the Secretary's absence in Brussels.

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Friday, December 22, 1950.

I had a talk with Helen Kirkpatrick this morning about various matters in regard to propaganda in France. Later I saw Cy Sulzberger.

We went to lunch with the Neses in their attractive house in Montmartre.

Selden Chapin, our Ambassador at The Hague, came to see me this afternoon. Also Geoff Parsons who is now Public Relations officer for NATO in London.

I made a deposition this afternoon in connection with the Remington case. He is being tried in the District Court in New York and is represented by Willy Chanler.

This afternoon with George Brownell, General Hamilton and Ken Bolton, representing our side, and half a dozer French officials representing the other side, we signed the Moroccan Air Bases Agreement in M. Schuman's office. Brownell and Hamilton are leaving

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happily for home to-night. This was an arduous and difficult negotiation, but [redacted] it turned out well in the end. I stayed behind and discussed other matters with M. Schuman including the shipment of steel from France to China, the set-up in General Eisenhower's staff and what representation it might include, etc.

We had a reception to-night for about a thousand people - the Diplomatic Corps, the staff of the Embassy, etc.

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Saturday, December 23,1950.

I went to see Alphand this morning. We discussed NATO matters. As a result, I was unable to attend the Christmas party of the Paris American Christmas Fund at the Gaumont Palace, but Phil Bonsal went and made a talk to the French orphans who were the guests.

Arthur Lane and Madame Bousquet came to lunch, - turkey, as usual at this time of the year. Arthur was in his customary high spirits. He is on his way to Nice to join Cornelia and Peggy Hawkes.

This afternoon I went out to buy a few Christmas presents and Evangeline went to some official Christmas parties.

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Sunday, December 24, 1950.

We went down to Versailles for lunch and spent the rest of the day and night there. The children could not go, - Sasha has just recovered from her mumps, and the nurse now seems to be developing them.

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Monday, December 25, 1950.

We went to communion service at the Cathedral in the morning, taking Sacha with us. It was the first time she had been out in some weeks.

Griselda and Grant Forbes and Marie Louise Bousquet came to lunch.

Before that, David Nes had brought me two unaccountably delayed telegrams from Al Gruenther, the first sent from Bermuda, and both through army channels. They had to do with the projected visit of General Eisenhower, originally slated for January 1st but now probably postponed until January 7th. The chief question involved is whether he should visit all the NATO capitals in the course of this preliminary trip. Chip and I think he should confine himself to coming to Paris, selecting his headquarters and setting up his initial organization. Thereafter, he should go to London, the NATO base, and return home. Otherwise, he would find himself engaged on a ceremonial tour, instead of creating the impression

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[redacted] he is immediately going to get down to business.

Chip and I went to the office [redacted]is afternoon and sent

off [redacted] telegrams in this sense.

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Tuesday, December 26, 1950.

Bill Bullitt came in to see me this morning. He had gone to Antibes to spend Christmas with his daughter Ann and her husband Nicky Biddle. The weather was so cold there that one day sufficed to drive him to Paris. Bill Clark, with his wife Sonia Tomara, called. He is still with the Allied Mission in Nuremberg. Charlie Hook, Chairman of the American Rolling Mills, and his son, and Bob Solberg, visited me this morning. Later Bill Bullitt, Ann and Nicky Biddle, and the Bonsals, came to lunch. Marcel Boussac called on me this afternoon, then Harold Callender and finally the Turkish Ambassador.

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Wednesday, December 27, 1950

We left Orly this morning at 11:15. It had snowed hard last night and still continued today. In fact, for almost three weeks the temperature has been about 32° to 40° Fahrenheit, and rain and snow have been frequent. However, the visibility was good enough to take off. We had a sandwich lunch with bottles of Cos d'Estournel 1943, and four hours after leaving Paris passed over Madrid which was bathed in sunshine. Two hours later we landed at Tangier, where Mr. Plitt, the U.S. Diplomatic Agent, and his attractive French wife met us. The McCloskeys, the Matlicks, the two sergeants, the Wallners, John Utter and ourselves constituted the party.

We drove through the International Zone to Tangier, where there is tremendous construction activity. It is a boom town in every sense - dozens of banks and bureaus of exchange, luxury shops of every description, and a perfect procession of expensive American automobiles. We went to three antique shops, but saw little of interest except some exceptionally fine crystal chandeliers, imported from Spain. The customs duty is only 12 1/2

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percent and the local taxes are negligible. As a result a great deal of flight capital has been lodged here, especially by the Spaniards, French and Swiss. In the city itself there are about 80,000 Arabs, 20,000 Spaniards, 3,000 French, perhaps 1,000 British and 250 Americans. The Hotel Minzah is an attractive, clean, modern, Moorish hostelry, but quite cold in this present intemperate weather.

Tonight we all went to dinner at the Plitt's, and afterwards he had in his principal staff officers. The legation building was acquired during the presidency of George Washington. It is in the Kasbah (the native quarter), and although [redacted] picturesque and attractively furnished, is entirely unsuited as a residence for our representative. It is difficult to reach through the tortuous, narrow streets, is noisy, and has the additional disadvantage of adjoining the chancellery, consulate, etc. Mr. Larkin has been beseeched on various occasions to buy property in a more accessible and salubrious quarter, as has been done by all other major powers, but has never taken the trouble to visit Tangier. Of all the governmental operations I have seen, Larkin's is the

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most individualistic, unimaginative and inefficient.

We got to bed about midnight. Brucie is miserable. It was the day after his sixth birthday, and I'm afraid he has lost any youthful curiosity about travel.

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Thursday, December 28, 1950

Our cortege of bodies and baggage left the Minzah about 10:30 this morning in a heavy rain. We took off about 11:15 and as we approached Port Lyautey the rain abated, and from there to Rabat we flew through intermittent sunshine. At Rabat we were met by Bob McBride and his wife, the Modenas (our Consul in Casablanca), and by representatives of General Juin. I motored to the Resident General's palace with M. Marchat, the chief of Juin's diplomatic cabinet.

Juin is very agreeable and attractive. He spoke frankly of the difficulties he is having with the Sultan of Morocco, who, making cause with the promoters of Independence, is seeking a great extension of his authority and a consequent diminution and eventual elimination of that of the French. The Independence movement, he says, is thoroughly penetrated by Communists. It is difficult to determine the exact game of the Sultan. b1

He is well educated, intelligent and quick. The Glaoui of Marrakech is opposed to the Sultan's revolutionary

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ideas, and is said to have threatened to have him deposed if he continues his present activities.

At any rate, the situation is such that Juin believes [redacted] he must retain his post here for at least some months longer, and attempt to clarify the present murky political atmosphere. He told this to Frank Pace, the Secretary of the Army, Al Gruenther and General Collins when they recently visited him. He is the French officer most popular and best known to Americans, and his close association with Eisenhower might [redacted] be [redacted] useful.

Juin's right hand is almost immobilized by a wound suffered in the first World War. Despite this he is an excellent shot and horseman, very keen about hunting. He has been here as Governor General over three and a half years. He had served as a young officer in Morocco umder Marshal Lyautey, commanded the Moroccan troops in Italy in the last war, and is immensely popular in the country which he knows minutely.

When the rest of our party arrived we had a succulent lunch, terminating with a perfect orange soufflé. The French guests were M. de Blesson, who is Juin's deputy, M. Negrier, Director

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of the Civil Cabinet and Mme. Negrier, and M. and Mme. Marchat.

Rabat, or rather the part we saw, is superbly situated, with moderate-size, gay houses, adapted to the Moorish style of architecture. The Governor General's Palace is magnificent, built by Lyautey about 1920 - huge rooms, a French and a Persian garden, large patios, and everything about it, including the number of servants, vice-regal.

We left the airfield about 4 p.m., and had a beautiful flight over the plain with the snow-crowned Atlas Mountains in the background. General d'Hauteville and some of Juin's cars met us at the Marrakech airport. On the way in, two of our suitcases were swept off the top of the hotel bus by a protruding branch and were more or less torn to bits.

John Utter, E. and I are staying at the Hotel de la Mamounian, a glorious hostelry with superb views, and a huge garden with row upon row of orange and lemon trees. Marakech itself is heavenly - about the most appealing place I've ever seen. The others are staying at Juin's residence, an Arab Palace of the 1880s, part of which is a museum, with fine rugs but especially exquisite carving

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in plaster and woods. All the floors are of stone or tiles.

After dinner we went to a dancing place in the native quarter, where a couple of tawdry females performed while the audience drank water coca-cola and mint tea.

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Friday, December 29, 1950

How wonderful to wake up and hear the birds singing in the beautiful garden full of fruit trees and huge poinsettias. The fruit here is perfection, [redacted] juicy oranges without pips, and sweet mandarines, gathered fully ripe. The ground of the plain is ameythyst in color.

We went shopping in the morning. Opportunities in the European quarter are limited, but E. bought two wonderful silk embroidered housecoats for about $30. each, which would cost a fortune in Paris.

We lunched in Mr. Churchill's rooms with him, his secretary, Miss Sturdee, General Pownall and Lord Cherwell (formerly Professor Lindeman).. Churchill is unique; no one else has such gusto, charm, imagination and conversation. He swallowed piles of oysters, hors d'oeuvres, macaroni, steak, cheese, salad, ice cream, with liberal potations of Alsatian wine, champagne, red wine, scotch and cognac, meanwhile discoursing in a [redacted] fascinating and

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eclectic manner on every conceivable topic. With coffee he lit one of his huge cigars and passed others to the rest of us. He has a rich vein of humor. His face is pink and clean as a child's, with slight puckers about the corners of his eyes. He told General Powmall to get out his Korean maps and pin them on the wall so that he could follow the course of the campaign there. He was insistent that Korea must be held to the last, was contemptuous of the Egyptians, said that had he been Viceroy of India (which he would have been if Lord Reading had been willing to resign) he would have brought India into the Commonwealth long before it was admitted, thought the French a gallant race with a wretched political system, still not recovered from their terrible casualities of the first World War, considered President Truman a statesman of great fortitude and dependability, esteemed that Nehru was a visionary, spoke most highly of the Glaoui of Marrakech, an old friend, who in 1940 had predicted ultimate German defeat, wished for a meeting

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of the heads of States with Stalin, thought the atomic bomb in our hands the only present deterrent to Stalin gobbling up Europe, snorted at any reluctance to take Spain into our system of defense, believed his friend Bernard Shaw [redacted] wrong to have bequeathed a million pounds to try to establish a universal language and thereby destroy the glories of the English tongue, etc. As we left, he took us into his studio and showed us some of the landscapes he was painting. It was an unforgettable lunch.

This afternoon it continued to rain. We went out with the head of the French tourist bureau, a White Russian, who had lived in Morocco for years. He took us to a couple of mosques, and also through the picturesque bazaars.

To-night we all dined at the Glaoui's in his splendid palace. He is eighty or more, thin. black, impressive and dignified. A famous warrior and a noted horseman. His eldest son, the offshot of a Caucasian mother, did the honors of the house with consumate courtesy. There were no ladies of the Pasha's household present, but many

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French officers and their wives. Before dinner we were herded into a small bar, and served pink conktails, a compound of gin, vermouth and fruit juice. The Glaoui and his son did not partake of them, or at dinner of anything alcoholic. There are five or six sons, all educated in France. They have a private golf course at Marrakech and country places in the Atlas mountains. As a family they have [redacted] large landholdings, and are said to be immensely rich.

We sat on cushions around small tables and ate out of huge brass dishes, with the thumb and two fingers of the right hand, having washed our hands with rosewater before eating and with soap and water afterwards. Course succeeded course. First a soup, then a huge slab of mutton that one tore from the bones. / The next delicacies / were pigeons stuffed with rice, boiled chicken, couscous, and finally a dish of vanilla [redacted] eaten with wooden spoons. E. and I sat with the Glaoui, the Baraducs, the d'Hautevilles and a French officer who interpreted. The Glaoui understands and

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speaks [redacted] French, but was rather silent.

Dinner concluded, we reformed in a large reception room where we were given coffee and fine Havana cigars, but no liqueurs. With our meal we had white wine, red wine and French champagne. Shortly a troupe of dancing girls, fat, forty and talented, appeared. They were Arabs. The next act was more singing, dancing, cymbal clashing, and varied music by a group of Berbers, gay people from the hills. Then dancing and singing by a band of men and boys. All soothing and sympathetic. About eleven thirty we departed, [redacted] grateful for his abounding hospitality. About a hundred household servants lined the outer palace wall salaaming as we drove away.

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Saturday, December 30, 1950.

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A lazy morning, since it was raining again. I walked in the garden, made a short excursion to a beautiful reservoir, and went with E. for lunch at one o'clock to the Pierre Lyautey's. He is the nephew of the famous Marshal, received the American D.S.C. in 1945 for bravery in Germany, and lives half the year in Marrakech, in a quaint house in the native quarter purchased by him three years ago. The French publishers of General Eisenhower's memoirs, and Comte de Pourtalès (the young son of Lyautey's wife) were also there.

This afternoon we bought some brocades. Afterwards we went to tea at the Count de Breteuil's. He bought Mrs. Moses Taylor's villa which has a wonderful garden. I had stayed there a couple of times during the war. To-night we had dinner at General d'Hauteville's. He seems a most admirable officer and man, the best type of professional French soldier, very fine looking to boot.

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Sunday, December 31, 1950.

Breakfast at 7.30. Lots of packing, changing dollars (into Moroccan francs) and tipping. General d'Hauteville kindly called for us in his car and took us to the airport. It is overcast this morning but the sun is striving bravely to smile. We had a flight of one and a half hours to Meknès, where we were met by General Leblanc and two officers of his staff. All three were exceptionally handsome men. We were joined by the three automobiles which General J[illegible]n has so kindly put at our disposition. By dint of night driving the chauffeurs somehow meet us at our airplane stops. The General took us first to the cavalry breeding establishment. There were several dozen stallions, half of them lovely little purebred Arabians, and the others the larger Barbs. The cavalry itself has been motorized, but they preserve a sufficiency of horses for reviews, polo, and racing. The stables were well planned, and attractive white stucco edifices. We drove through Meknès. Its walls

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are very beautiful, but it was particularly the gorgeous doorways that impressed us, with their delicate mosaics, tracery, and monochrome green roof tiles. The 17th century Sultan who created the vast palace (much of it now in ruins) is said to have done so in imitation of what he had heard of Versailles. He never went abroad himself, but dispatched an emissary to Louis XIV. to ask the hand in marriage of one of the latter's daughters for a son of his own. The suggestion was not regarded favorably at the French Court.

It is very cold but clear to-day and to be comfortable we are bundled in sweaters and overcoats.

We drove the forty odd miles to Fez through a rich plain. There were numerous orange and olive groves, as well as large expanses of wheat.

At Fez we were housedin General Juin's palace, a large Moroccan 19th century structure in the native quarter, with a striking patio, through which flows a watercourse, and extensive gardens. E. and I shared Mme Lyautey's bed.

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Lyautey was, as events have proved, very wise in building in each Moroccan city, an European quarter apart from the native one. Aside from other advantages, such as sanitation, it provides much less chance of the Europeans offending native sensibilities by intimate contact.

The Commanding General of the Fez region, Laparra, met us at the Residence and took us to his house, also in the native quarter, for lunch. The Spanish Consul and wife, the British Consul and wife, and several French people were there.

Afterwards, the General, who was a charming and courteous host, despatched us with a young Arab speaking officer for a turn of the Souks. These bazaars are famous, as befits one of the great capitals of Mohammedanism, and one should spend days going through them instead of hours. Buried in their midst, are mosques, schools, and even the renowned University of Kairouan. It was freezing cold underfoot, and shortly before sunset we made our way out to [illegible] a

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hilltop near Fez to view the city as a whole. One saw miles of walls, ancient fortresses, tall minarets, and in the distance the European town with its dispensaries, hospitals, and fine public buildings. At 5.30 the Muezzins called the Faithful to prayer, and one could hear the wailing cry for great distances through the thin clear air.

To-night we all had New Year's dinner at the British Consul's, Mr. de L[illegible]rison. He has served many years in the Middle East and is not greatly impressed by the Arab's capacity for independence. It was so kind of them to have us. General Laparra and others were there. Brewster was also invited, and given a special New Year's feast of bones that he enjoyed in spite of the unwelcome attentions of a Pekinese, strangely attracted as seem all dogs and even bitches, by his castrated state.

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Monday, January 1, 1951.

A cheerful New Year greeting from our Arab servant with our breakfast. The day is divine, the sky cloudless, the air snappy. We left at 9.15 for Meknes, and got off the ground at 10.30. The weather is reported good as far as Seville, but Madrid is, temporarily at least, snow-bound. I had proposed before coming to Morocco to call on the Sultan, but when I reached Rabat he was at Casablanca. I then volunteered to go and see him anywhere at his convenience, and a meeting had been appointed for this morning at Rabat. Yesterday, McBride called to say that the engagement had been cancelled, with no reason given. This must be inquired into. It is a convenience to us not to have to stop, but rather discourteous of him after his invitations in the past to be sure to see him when I came to Morocco. It may have to do with his present pique against the French and the Glaoui.

Between Seville and Madrid there was a good deal of icing on the plane and the passage was rough for a time.

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However, we came to ground on the Madrid airport exactly three hours after leaving Meknes. Johnny Jones met us at the airport, we had a fine lunch at 3.30 at the Ritz where we are staying; with a good bottle of the Marques de Riscals Fino Tinto, a light pleasant beverage.

Since it is New Year's day, all the shops here are closed. There is little traffic. We sallied out to view the site on which the new U. S. Embassy is to be built - it seemed to me [redacted] an infelicitous selection. The ground in front of where the residence will be is precipitous and broken. Why with so many admirable houses to be bought, the FBO lit upon this one is a subject for marvel. We then went to the [redacted] Lyria Palace, the Duke of Alba's house. It was bombarded heavily during the Spanish civil war, and entirely gutted. If it could now be bought, which is doubtful, it would be perfect for an Embassy. The trees and the landscaping are excellent - there is a picturesque cemetery for the family dogs.

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We drove through the old part of Madrid, stopping to look at the ugly royal palace. Madrid is mostly modern, with the defects and advantages pertaining to modernity. It gives the impression of being solid and unbeautiful, but the public park is magnificent.

To-night about ten thirty, an hour when the Spaniards, having well siested themselves, rouse for nourishment, Monica, Woodie, John and ourselves, fortified by Ritz martinis, went to dinner at Horcher's, an offshoot of the famous Berlin establishment. It was a marvelous dinner - smoked eel, partridges passed through a press (like duck at the Tour d'Argent) crêpes suzettes with almonds and many other delectable dishes. Thanks to the dollar exchange, which makes the peseta worth about two cents, and consequently silk neckties about fifty cents apiece, things to an American are cheap here.

To bed about 1 a.m.

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Tuesday, January 2, 1951.

Had some of the famous Spanish chocolate this morning, and then looked at the weather which was not reassuring, it being rainy and damp. I spent an hour in Lenares antique shop with no resultant purchase. Then E., John Utter and myself went to work in earnest on the shopping situation. With much expenditure of energy, we gathered baby clothes, a photograph album, a brief case, a huge garden awning, wicker baskets, and other oddments. We tried to visit the Prado Museum but found it closed. We turned in disappointment to the purchase of neckties, gloves, and as a final effort John and I each ordered an opera cloak lined with scarlet. Also, during the course of the afternoon, we visited the Royal Rug and Tapestry Factory, an intensely interesting place. I got two small modern rugs copied from [redacted] 18th century designs, and am much pleased with them.

We returned to the hotel at 8 p.m. I was immediately called by Oscar Kilby from Anniston, Alabama,

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who solicited my help in trying to trace the fate of his only child, Tom, who has been missing in action in Korea since November 28. The Kilbys dote on this boy, who came through the [redacted] war unscathed. All they know is that his whole patrol disappeared on that date and has not since been heard from.

About nine o'clock, we reached the Jones's (an attractive couple), where we drank and talked until 10:30 before going to a restaurant, founded in 1725, called Bottin. The Wallners, John Utter, the Jones, the Braddocks (he the Counselor for Economic Affairs) and ourselves constituted the party.

We had a variety of dishes: Eggs Flamenco, with peppers, sausages, ham, garlic, were [redacted] good. Some of us ate squid cooked in their own inky juice. Next was a whole roast suckling pig; last, the incomparable Spanish oranges. We went to bed about 1 a.m.

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Wednesday, January 3, 1951

We left the comforts of the Ritz at 9:15 and the airport at 10:05. The day is beautifully clear. Flying at 10,000 feet, headed for Bilbao, ice came crashing off the propellers. Woodie has been translating to me from a Spanish paper the Soviet answer to the Allied notes. There is also gloomy news from Korea, but the largest space in the journal is dedicated to a story from Turkey crediting a Turkish official with saying that Spain is the only power in the West capable of resisting Soviet aggression.

Over Bilbao we let down to about 7,000 feet and Brewster has begun to respire more freely. Any higher altitude makes him miserable -- he yawns frequently, looks pathetic, and cannot be aroused even by the magic word "cats".

After the austerity of Spain, with its dry-looking plains and paucity of trees, France appears verdant and luxuriant. We passed over Bodeaux and headed inland to Orly,

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where we landed at 2:35 p.m.

I came to the office and talked to Chip, who is leaving for Washington tonight on consultation.

I then saw Bill Bullitt, who is going to London tomorrow.

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Thursday, January 4, 1951

Evangeline and I went this morning to the funeral of Mme. Vagliano, the sister of Julian Allan, who was killed this week in an automobile accident. The service was held at the Pro-Cathedral, which was jammed to the doors. It was a [redacted] affecting spectacle. John Chase, a nephew of Dick Wigglesworth, came to see me this morning. This afternoon I had a long talk with Milt Katz about various problems of mutual interest. Roy Weeks, who is retiring as president of the American Chamber of Commerce after many years in that post, came to call regarding the arrangements for their annual lunch on January 20. He would also like to have some American decoration for his accomplishments, [redacted] but I told him [redacted] I did not know of any award of this kind within the disposition of our government. I saw Bill Humphreys of the Herald Tribune, and later Jean Monnet. The Schuman Plan delegates are not reconvening in Paris until January 15 because the Germans wish to await the HICOG decision on decentralization before proceeding further, [redacted]. We had some night telegrams of

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importance, the two chief ones being to press the French Government to instruct Chauvel at the United Nations to support the American intention of submitting a resolution branding the Chinese Communists as aggressors in Korea, and the old subject of steel rail shipments to China, which I have talked about endlessly and which I think the French Government are mad not to cancel.

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Friday, January 5, 1951

I went to see M. Schuman at 11 o'clock this morning to talk to him about the shipments of steel to Chi[illegible] and regarding [redacted] the U.S. Government's desire to have the French support us in naming Communist China an aggressor in Korea. In connection with the former he was [redacted] impressed by the language in the McCannon amendment which would give us authority to cut off aid to France if it went through with the steel shipments. As to the latter, he was agreeable to the proposed action provided it were understood that MacArthur would not be given authority to extend the war beyond the Korean boundaries. After leaving there [redacted] I called on Alphand and had a general discussion with him on NAT matters. Justin O'Brien and his wife came to lunch as did [redacted] Mme Bousquet. Justin is here for a month in connection with his literary activities. This afternoon I saw Jimmy Riddleberger and then Jared Ingersoll from Philadelphia. He has a daughter and son-in-law studying in Paris. Charles Hargrove of the Wall Street Journal came to see me. There has been much frenzied telegraphing today across the ocean and around

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Europe about General Eisenhower's visit. The arrangements for him in France appear to be in good shape. Gaston Palewski came to dinner. He had a terrible automobile accident about a month ago and looks badly banged up. He thinks, as he always does, that General de Gaulle's strength in the country is increasing, and [redacted] in the event of a general election his party might have as many as 200 seats in the Chamber. At 10:30 I went over to see M. Parodi and we spent an hour or more discussing the topics [redacted] I had [redacted] brought up with M. Schuman this morning. On the matter of steel, they have not yet reached any definite decision and the cabinet will have to take it under advisement once more. At midnight I sent off a cable to the Department to this effect. After I got home Doug MacArthur called me up from Washington to tell me of certain changes in General Eisenhower's plans for arrival and activities here.

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Saturday, January 6, 1951

Mr. Rogers, chairman of the Texas Oil Company, came to see me this morning. We had an interesting talk, particularly on petroleum developments in the Middle East. He has just arrived from Saudi Arabia. I went to lunch today at Milt Katz', where I found Chuck Spofford, Bill Batt and Admiral Carney. We talked about various NAT matters. This afternoon E. and I made an excursion into the antique district with satisfactory results.

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Sunday, January 7, 1951

Up at 7 this morning to go out to meet General Eisenhower at Orly. Milt and I rode [redacted] together. The General's plane came to ground at 9 o'clock. He was quickly overwhelmed by photographers, to say nothing of French officials, and he was rushed upstairs in the airport to give a press interview. I went to the office, read the telegrams, and spent most of the morning attending to affairs connected with the General's visit. We went to Versailles for lunch, and did [redacted] well by a tin of caviar which the Iranian Ambassador had kindly sent us. To-night, Generals Eisenhower, Gruenther, Messrs. Katz, Spofford, MacArthur, Batt and Col. Bonesteel came to dinner. Eisenhower was in wonderful form, full of spirit, determination, and optimism. He is not only a [redacted] sympathetic character, but gives the impression of being a [redacted] fine man with sound, balanced judgment. There was the usual battery of newspaper correspondents, security guards and ordinary police around the gates of the house. He seemed fresh and lively after a harassing day.

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Monday, January 8, 1951

The Norwegian Ambassador came to see me about breakfast time this morning. His government has sent a plane load of military specialists down to shake hands with General Eisenhower, and my friend the Norwegian is [redacted] embarrassed about it since they might just as well have remained at home where the General is shortly to visit them. However, during the course of the morning we got it fixed up that Eisenhower will receive them. The Belgian Ambassador called to say [redacted] he would like to meet the General when he takes off for Brussels tomorrow. This, too, was arranged.

Frank Lindsey came to see me. He is passing through here on a rapid trip. We had quite a discussion again today about steel rail shipments to China and think the matter is now under control.

I went over with Chuck Spofford to the lunch given by M. and Mme. Moch at 14 rue St. Dominique for General Eisenhower. In deference to General Eisenhower's wishes that entertainment be held to a minimum so that work could be carried on at a maximum, this must have been the shortest French lunch on record. It lasted only

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about 40 minutes. Max Shoop called to see me this afternoon in regard to an overall association of Franco-American, Belgian-American and other joint European associations to be headed by M. Spaak. During the day and evening there were many conferences, conversations, etc., in connection with General Eisenhower's plans and movements.

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Tuesday, January 9, 1951

M. Laurent of the Bank of Indochina came to see me this morning. He is leaving for Washington tomorrow. We discussed exports of French, Belgian and British steel to China. Milt Katz came to lunch with me, and we drove out together to see General Eisenhower enplane for Brussels. There was a large crowd of French officials to see him off. M. Raphael, the Greek Ambassador, called. He had just returned from his first visit to Greece in four and a half years, and was enthusiastic over the fine spirit which he said animates the Greek Army. Robert Wilson of the Associated Press came in, and then Harold Callender. In the course of the afternoon Evangeline and David Nes, who had gone to see a poodle puppy, became involved in a communist demonstration of protest against General Eisenhower, centering near the Hotel Astoria. The communists waited until after the General had departed to show their displeasure, [redacted] but their press has been violently vilifying him all along. Hervé Alphand came to see me tonight at the house to discuss first the question of

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a possible visit by M. Pleven to the United States, and secondly, what would be a ludicrous affair if it were not so serious. The French had been [redacted] anxious to discuss with General Eisenhower the possibility of having one of their generals appointed as a deputy, and also, more importantly, another or the same one to exercise command over the troops of the Western European Regional Group. Their signals got mixed, and nei her Pleven nor Moch raised the point, each expecting the other to do so or for General Eisenhower to do it himself. Now the bird has flown, and they are plunged in consternation. Meanwhile, some of the journalists and government people here feel [redacted] Eisenhower may have already promised the latter position to Marshal Montgomery whom he saw twice during his visit. I sat up until 2 o'clock tonight reading office papers.

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Wednesday, January 10, 1951

General Richards brought in the three Military Assistance officers who have been inspecting [redacted] in Europe. Raymond Aron came to lunch with me. His daughter recently died under tragic circumstances, and he is literally distracted by it. He is [redacted] suspicious about Soviet [redacted] intentions regarding a CFM conference, and is inclined to think [redacted] no possible good could come of such a meeting. Countess Chlapowska called to ask my assistance in obtaining a job in General Eisenhower's headquarters for Count Tarnowski. I promised to speak to Tony Biddle about it, as he knows Tarnowski well. I had a talk with Jack Heinz, who is here for the International Chamber of Commerce meeting. M. Louis Marin, who has been a Deputy almost forever, made his annual call as a symbol of Franco-American friendship. He is a [redacted] delightful old gentleman. Mr. Bradford of the U.P. came to call on me. M. Pulaski, head of the Polish Library, visited me with one of his associates to ask me to write [redacted] M. Schuman expressing an American interest in the operations of the library so that its premises may not be requisitioned. Dr. Taylor, the new Deputy Director of UNESCO, called. He is a

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former President of the University of Kentucky, [redacted] in his early forties, [redacted]

E. and I went to the reception tonight at the USIE headquarters for their regional representatives. There were many members of the French provincial press as well. It was enjoyable. It is always engaging to see John Brown in action. I sometimes think he must know half the population of France.

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Thursday, January 11, 1951

Keith Officer, the Australian Ambassador, had a Labrador puppy [redacted] he wanted to give to the children. I was to take delivery of it today, but finding it was a bitch we decided [redacted] to abandon the idea as we have three dogs in the house. Graham Martin is leaving tonight for about ten days in Washington, and we reviewed together some of the pending Embassy problems.

I went to call on the Pakistan Ambassador who is temporarily living at the Ritz Hotel. We had sherry, coffee and conversation. He is intelligent, and calm about the difficulties between India and Pakistan. He feels [redacted] they cannot be solved at the present time. As a result Pakistan is spending about 75% of its budget on defense, to the great detriment of the general economy of the country. He does not at all believe [redacted] India is safe from Communism and says [redacted] if it were to go in that direction the same would happen simultaneously to Pakistan. Teddy White came for lunch with me. This afternoon I saw M. Cabanes, [redacted] head of the organization L'Union Latine. He wants to be put in touch

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with those associations in the U.S. which have similar objectives, namely close cooperation between the Latin nations. M. Maurice Drouhin, the famous wine merchant from Burgundy, delivered a formal invitation for me to preside over the meeting in November of the Confrérie of Chevaliers de Tastevin, as well as the ceremonies which customarily take place in Beaune on the following day. I attended these functions in 1948. They were [redacted] picturesque and I am looking forward to going again this year. Drouhin received the American Distinguished Service Cross in the last war. Cy Sulzberger came in. He is shortly going to Spain to interview Franco. Hugh Cumming called - he is on his way to his new post in Moscow. General Pete Hamilton has returned here with Major Wilson and other Air Force Officers to engage in technical discussions with the French regarding the development of airbases in Morocco.

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Friday, January 12, 1951

Ex-Senator John Cooper came in to see me this morning, and a fine fellow he is. We had a lunch today for Phil Reed and his wife, with Mrs. Alfred Knopf, Turner Cameron, Albert Jolis, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Seymer and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cummings. I had not seen Lucy Seymer for 20 years. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Buckler, once of Baltimore, who have for a long time lived at Oxford. Mr. Buckler had taken Evangeline's uncle Harold Bell with him in his expeditions to Sardis and other places in the Middle East. This afternoon, I saw Col. Monfort of the Bank of America, M. Nagel of the publishing company who wants to translate my book "From Revolution to Reconstruction" into French, my old friend General Sir John Marriott, Harold Callender and Jimmy Riddleberger. David Finley telephoned me from Washington about his proposal to build a vault at Staunton Hill for the emergency storage of the National Gallery of Art pictures and art objects. We went to dinner tonight at the British Embassy where Jim Thomas, whom I saw so much of in London in 1940 and [redacted] is now an M.P., is staying.

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Others were the Netherlands Ambassador, the Duchesse de Rohan, Nadège de Ganay, Sammy Hood and Daisy de Contades.

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Saturday, January 13, 1951

I went to see M. Pleven this morning to discuss the telegram I had received stating that General Eisenhower had not yet decided upon his command structure, and what French representation there would be in it. Also I took up the matter of a possible visit by M. Pleven to the United States, which he would like shortly to undertake. John Cooper came to lunch and we had a long talk. This afternoon I went to a reception at the Canadian Embassy at 72 Avenue Foch, to meet the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent.

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Sunday, January 14, 1951

At the office in the morning, then to lunch at Versailles, where we had the Burckhardts, Edward von Bismarck and Mona Williams.

The nurse having had mumps, now has grippe with a high fever. So has Sasha. David has so far had neither. The result is a sort of partial quarantine in various parts of the house.

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Monday, January 15, 1951

Bert Jolis came in this morning. He is leaving for Equatorial Africa tonight to spend a month or longer. I had lunch today with Alexandre Parodi and Sir Oliver Harvey at the British Embassy. This was the first of the meetings [redacted] we had talked some weeks ago of having together. It was useful to have a go-over on matters of interest to our three governments. Both Parodi and Harvey said [redacted] the sentiment amongst the people in their countries was in favor of a Foreign Ministers' meeting no matter how narrow the agenda might be. This afternoon René de Kerchove, [redacted] once associated with OSS, came to see me with a letter of introduction from Willing Spencer. General Hamilton and Col. Derby called to tell me about their progress on the Service to Service level regarding Moroccan airbases. The French had been given to believe, during the course of our negotiations, that the American Air Force personnel there would number around 7500 people. These estimates have been revised upward, and it now looks as if we would request a permanent complement, when the air bases are finished,

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of in excess of 20,000 Air Force officers and men. This will require further difficult negotiation. I stopped tonight to pick up E. at Princess Chadchadadze's at [redacted] 14 rue Hamelin. She has a wonderful collection of rugs, furniture and various art objects. Her husband George is a [redacted] nice fellow, [redacted] a professional pianist of international standing. She has great taste and is [redacted] notably hospitable. Tonight Louise de Vilmorin and Diana Cooper came to dinner.

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Thursday, January 16, 1951.

Jimmy Riddleberger came to see me this morning. Afterwards a bookseller from the Quai Voltaire delivered me 10 volumes of Buffon's Birds. There are 1008 plates in this book, all of them brilliant. This particular set belonged to Comtesse Sophie Potocka. It is a small paper edition. Raoul Boyer called. I had not seen him for a long time. He has almost completely recovered from his cancer operation, but still has a [redacted] swelling in his legs. John Kennedy, the Congressman from Massachusetts, had lunch with me. He is an [redacted] intelligent man, and wrote when he was [redacted] young a book called "While England Slept". He is not at all in sympathy with his father's isolationist views. Princess de Robeck submitted data on a huge chateau owned by her family, the Chateau de Malesherbes, about 70 kilometers from Paris, for possible use by General Eisenhower. John Muir of the Whaley Eaton Service called to ask various questions about French rearmament. Warren Pierson, chairman of TWA, expressed considerable bitterness regarding Pan American. The Pan American people had previously expressed considerable bitterness about TWA. I went to see M. Pleven this afternoon with an invitation from the President

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responding to Pleven's desire to visit the United States, asking him to come there on January 29 and 30. M. Pleven was [redacted] pleased, and agreed to the text of the communiqué we have prepared on this subject. Tonight was one of great social excitement. Viscountess Charles de Noailles is giving an entertainment in her huge house on Place des Etats-Unis. The guests were asked to come in the sort of costumes they could imagine themselves wearing if the period were 1900. Before going there, Christian Dior, Marie Louise Bousquet, the Burckhardts and their daughter came to the house, where Dior had sent a wig and make-up man. This group was to tend bar under the general superintendence of Marie Louise. E. was a caissière, dressed in a flaming red wig. Marie Louise was quite wonderful in her get-up and looked like a perfect madame in a sporting house. Mme. Burckhardt wore a gorgeous Swiss costume, and her daughter a startling and pretty affair of black tights. Carl Burckhardt had a wig and side whiskers that made him look like a [redacted] masculine Oscar Wilde. Dior, who is bald, was completely transformed by a pepper-and-salt wig and fierce curly black mustaches. I had a black wig with side whiskers too small for me, so the

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rest of my hair had to be treated with coal soot. We all wore butlers' aprons and striped trousers. The de Noailles house, filled with splendid art objects, was thronged with people in the sort of costumes one would see on those who had carefully prepared for a Beaux Arts ball in New York. There was a series of skits in the ballroom. Marie Laure de Noailles knows everybody in the artistic and musical world, and any number of artists appeared on the stage at various times during the evening. Our bar work was short and subject to constant interruptions. Mona Williams, dressed as a black cat, was curled up on a bar stool. There were masses of people dressed as English tourists such as would have been seen on French beaches in 1900. There was also a show of monsters, the chief place in the spectacle being taken by Paule de Beaumont, who was rigged up as an Egyptian mummy. Louise de Vilmorin ran a post office, where bucrats of letters were stamped and sent around by a fierce-looking mail boy to the various guests. All in all, it was quite a party. I was called on the telephone at 1 o'clock by Woody to be told the Department was releasing the text of the

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communiqué regarding Pleven's visit at 5 o'clock this morning Washington time. There was nothing constructive I could do about that except wake M. Pleven up, which hardly seemed necessary. I did, however, call him at 8 o'clock and woke him up all the same. This was not long after I had reached home. He seemed unconcerned and will issue his own statement Wednesday morning.

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Wednesday, January 17, 1951

Congressman John Kennedy came in to see me this morning, and afterwards I went to a lunch given by Jean Delorme, president of l'Air Liquide, at 75 Quai d'Orsay. The guests were French bankers and industrialists with the exception of Guy de la Tournelle of the Foreign Office. It was [redacted] pleasant. General Billotte came to see me this afternoon. He talked about his trip to the United States, about the necessity of forming a national government here immediately, about the incompetence of the present government, etc. Since he invited my frank rejoinder, I said to him [redacted] I thought it was a great pity for anyone with his [redacted] distinguished military record [redacted] to go to the United States and by his remarks [redacted] give encouragement to the views held by many of our people, that Western Europe was a dead duck. Col. de Réalcamp, who was [redacted] prominent as an officer in the FFI, told me of his desire to see General Eisenhower and talk to him about organizing a military resistance movement in France in case the country were overrun.

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Robert Geffroy, once president of France-USA, a brilliant fellow, visited me with a complicated scheme whereby he would set in motion, if financed by the United States, a vaster propaganda movement here.

I saw Lane Timmons for the first time since his return from America, and we talked about the future activities of the ECA French Mission.

Walter Kerr called on me, and that was the end of the office day.

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Thursday, January 18, 1951

General Schuyler, General Eisenhower's representative in Paris, came to see me this morning, and we discussed possible sites for NATO military headquarters. I went to see M. Schuman at noon, and talked to him about such matters as his recent speech to the Executive Committee of MRP, the time of calling a conference on the European Army, which he said he expects to announce at the end of the month, certain changes in the text of Secretary Acheson's letter to him on the subject in order to bring the letter up to date, and the French attitude in view of the rejection by the Chinese Communist Government of the recent United Nations approach to them. On the last point M. Schuman said he was glad [redacted] the approach had been made even though it had been rejected, as he thought it placed the democracies in a much better moral position to deal with events as they may develop. I lunched in the office, and afterwards saw Mark Watson of the Baltimore Sun. I then gave out four awards for meritorious service to members of the Embassy staff, including an award of $10.00 to Flo Palmer for having made a useful suggestion to the Department. Ronald Hodges,

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son of an executive of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and a prominent pianist, came to invite me to [redacted] his recitals. Mac Krindler, who runs the famous 21 West 52nd Street restaurant in New York, came to have a talk about wines. He thinks his restaurant has the best collection of wines in the world. He is an active fellow, and I used to see quite a lot of him when he was a Lt. Col. in the Air Force. Allan Forbes, Jr., from Boston, presently associated with the Haydn Foundation, who is intensely interested in music, and formerly with OSS, asked me if I could help him look into the possibility of joining the National Committee for Free Europe. I gave him a letter of introduction to Royall Tyler. He is an excellent linguist. At 7:45 I went to the Elysée for the annual dinner of the diplomatic corps. It was really a beautiful affair. About 180 guests for dinner and a couple of hundred others who came in afterwards. Excellent food and drink including a 1934 Chambertin from Louis Latour. I sat between the agreeable Mme. Bidault and the wife of the head of the French Line. Lots of conversation with my colleagues. The men were either in evening dress or in diplomatic uniforms, looking

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splendid. I think I was the only Ambassador there who was not splashed with stars, ribbons or other decorations. Apparently, American officials never wear them. President and Mme. Auriol were in their usual hospitable form. They really perform their duties admirably and with every show of thoroughly enjoying them.

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Friday, January 19, 1951

Trygve Lie came to see me this morning. He said he was not surprised by the Chinese Communists' rejection of the U. N. cease-fire proposal. He thought the decision taken by the U. N. in making this proposal had, nevertheless, been a wise one. He had a long conference yesterday with Nehru and came away from it pessimistic over the possibility of Nehru being useful to the U.N. He is also disgusted by Nehru's reception, since his arrival in Paris, of some of the leading French Communists and fellow-travelers, as well as over his bitter remarks in France about the French Government, and in London about the American Government. He thinks Nehru entertains a profound dislike for the occidental nations, and for the white race as a whole. Lie expressed himself as heartily in favor of building up the military strength of the NATO nations and says there is no time to lose. I saw Generals Richards and MacCloskey this morning, had a haircut, and then Paul Reynaud came to lunch with me. He is leaving in a few days for a lecture tour of the United States. He was [redacted] sprightly and interesting on the subject of his jail experiences

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under the Germans. This afternoon, the Duc de Luynes called to offer his château at Dampierre to General Eisenhower. Apparently some survey team had inspected it, but had not told him for whom it was intended. Laughlin Phillips, a son of Duncan Phillips, called on me. He is leaving tonight for Saigon. He seemed an extremely intelligent young fellow. Ike Doughton of Standard Oil of New Jersey came in, and later Bill Joyce, the famous shoe manufacturer who is now working for ECA Washington. Louis Nutter, an American who for a long time has run a business in France, and whom I had known when he was in OSS, called on me. Afterwards I saw Bob Pell. He had been in the Paris Embassy as Public Relations Officer for Walter Edge, and then for Jesse Straus, and had resigned for family reasons about the time Bill Bullitt took up his post here. He is now running the affairs of Fort Ticonderoga, which his father [redacted] restored, and is also writing a biography of General Montcalm. He has been given access to many of the archives still in the possession of the Montcalm family which have not been heretofore used. He says that consequently a number of major inaccuracies have been discovered

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in relation to Francis Parkman's treatment of the subject.

David Schoenbrun came in to talk about a broadcast he is trying to get Prime Minister Pleven to make on the eve of his trip to America. I went to a reception for Prime Minister Nehru of India at the Indian Ambassador's. Nehru is quick, self-assured, and speaks English with extreme fluency and accuracy. I thought him rather rude. I also met his sister, Mme. Pandit, who was friendly, [redacted] and attractive. The Soviet [redacted] Ambassador and a lot of the satellite representatives were also there, being made much of by Nehru.

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Saturday, January 20, 1951

General Hicks of the United States Air Force came to see me this morning to talk over the establishment of a base Air Force depot in France. This is only one of several colossal projects the Air Force hopes to implement here. I went to the annual lunch of the American Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel du Palais d'Orsay. It lasted from 12:30 until 4:30. I presented Roy Weeks with a medal in recognition of his long service to the Chamber, then made a speech. Bob Solborg, the new president, and a friend of mine from OSS days, delivered an admirable address, which he is capable of doing in almost any language. We went down to Versailles to spend the night without the children who still have la grippe.

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Sunday, January 21, 1951

Lunch today at Versailles. John Brown, the Justin O'Briens, Mme. Bousquet, Allan Forbes and John Kelly were there. We returned to town this afternoon, and stopped to see Mona Williams in her beautiful [redacted] apartment on the Ile St. Louis. Afterwards E. and I had dinner at Yvonne and André.

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Monday, January 22, 1951

After seeing a lot of people in the office this morning, I went to lunch with Phil Bonsal at Véfour in the Palais Royal. This is one of the famous old restaurants in Paris, much frequented by literary people. I saw Jean Cocteau there, who looks perennially youthful. Royall Tyler came to see me this afternoon. Then Paul Ghali of the Chicago Daily News. He has been in contact with Hitler's famous Nazi friend Col. Dolman [redacted] now living in Switzerland. As a result Ghali had some interesting news to impart which must be handled secretly. Morris Chase, [redacted] Bob Blum's mission in Indochina, called on me and gave me news from that part of the world. I had a good talk with Arthur Lane, and afterwards was photographed with Rabbi Goldman of Baltimore.

I dined tonight at the Hotel Matignon with Messrs. Pleven, Monnet and Alphand. Henri Bonnet came in after dinner. We discussed in detail the Prime Minister's visit to Washington.

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Tuesday, January 23, 1951

I went out to the airport this morning to meet General Eisenhower, who was flying in from Frankfurt. There was a heavy ground mist. His plane (General Marshall's Constellation) made one pass at the field, missed it, and circled around for an hour before it could land. I rode in with General Eisenhower, and had a satisfactory and interesting talk with him. He is absolutely first class, determined, vigorous, sensible, apparently with great intuition regarding the problems of foreign nations, and tactful to an extraordinary degree. The people who have been with him on his trip have been prodigiously impressed by his facility, even in speaking extemporaneously, To Cope [redacted] with serious matters in a graceful way. He will leave here on Thursday for Iceland and Canada, and will settle down at his headquarters shortly after February 20. The site of the headquarters has not yet been decided. General Eisenhower told me [redacted] he himself would have preferred a location as far away from Paris as Tours, but the communications and housing facilities at any distance from the capital seemed to

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render such a choice inadvisable.

After I left him at the hotel, I went to see M. Ristic, the Yugoslav Ambassador, who is going home and will be replaced here by the Deputy Foreign Minister. I shall see him depart with genuine regret. He is a delightful man personally, and extremely outspoken against the Russians. He is a writer by profession, and after almost six years in Paris, intends to resume that occupation in Belgrade. E. and I had lunch today with Guy de la Tournelle at 78 rue de Lille, the beautiful Beauharnais house that used to be the German Embassy. The Parodis, the de Luynes and others were there. [redacted]. This afternoon, Phil, Woody, Bill Tyler and myself met [redacted] General Young and Colonel Shankin to discuss the great expansion contemplated for the so-called lines of communication. The original program, negotiated with great difficulty, has now become outmoded by ambitious new schemes. This will prove a thorny affair. I went tonight to dinner at the Turkish Embassy, 17 rue Berton. The Papal Nuncio was there, looking, as usual, [redacted] benignant in his scarlet and black cassock. He is huge in girth and a monument of good living. The Greek

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Ambassador and his wife, Prime Minister and Mme. Pleven, the Minister of Health Schneiter, Pierre Brisson of Figaro, Jacqueline Patenôtre, the Colonnas and quite a few others were on hand. The hostess was the Ambassador's attractive niece. I have been wanting for a long time to question the Turkish Ambassador on Operation Cicero, the remarkable story of how, when he was Foreign Minister, someone in Von Papen's Embassy suborned the Albanian valet of the British Ambassador and consequently furnished the Wilhelmstrasse with many of the most important and secret political and military documents of the Allies. Unfortunately I had no opportunity to do so.

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Wednesday, January 24,1951.

Various clean-up matters in the office this morning, including the drafting and despatch of three cables to Washington. The French Government plans to minimize the effectiveness of the Communist demonstration against General Eisenhower, scheduled for 6 p.m., are already bearing fruit. L'Humanité's morning edition has been seized, and the police have begun to congregate in critical quarters. Pleven told me last night that he welcomed this opportunity to have a show-down with the Communists, and [redacted] was ready to arrest and jail up to 5,000 of them.

I lunched at M. Moch's, with Madame Moch, Generals Eisenhower, Gruenther, Vernoux and Kann, and other French officers. Eisenhower talked [redacted] effectively and the meeting was useful.

I went directly from the Ministry of Defense to the Quai d'Orsay to see M. Schuman. He told me [redacted] he intended to [redacted] the first session of the conference on the European Army concept [redacted] a week from next Tuesday.

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Returned to the office to send a cable, and home to pack. There I was diverted to correcting the transcript of this revision of my essay on George Washington, and by telephone calls from General Gruenther and Jack McCloy. The latter wanted to confirm the accuracy or inaccuracy of an article by Walter Kerr in yesterday's Herald-Tribune. It was inaccurate. I think Walter, although consciantious, had been led up the garden path by the exponent of a policy which had not been accepted by the Government.

E., David Nes and I motored to Orly. We found that the take-off would be delayed an hour. We beguiled the time by drinking Scotch with a couple of the local representatives of T.W.A. It seems the weather ahead is unpropitious, with 45 to 50 knot headwinds against us. Accordingly, the flight schedule has been altered, and we will head for the Azores, 6 1/2 hours away, refuel there and proceed to New York.

I left at 8.15 on the TWA Constellation, with 26

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passengers aboard, Mr. Chaplin, of N.B.C., who has been on the Eisenhower trip, joined me for dinner. We slipped down a couple of Martinis, nipped off a pint of champagne each, and fairly well got the North Atlantic Pact into operation.

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Thursday, January 25,1951.

We arrived at Santa Maria airport in the Azores 6 1/2 hours after quitting Paris. My legs badly needed stretching, for airplane seats, quite properly, are so constricted that a tall man must retract his limbs like a jack-knife. The Azores climate is benignant, the sky was clear but the weather ahead undesirable, with fifty knot head-winds to be faced. After gassing up, we departed non-stop for New York which we reached at 5.40 p.m. Paris time (11.40 a.m. N.Y. Time) making a total [redacted] in the air of 21 hours 25 minutes.

On the plane, I have been reading Foreign Affairs, and Private Army by Vladimir Peniakoff, otherwise known as "Popski". It is in parts an exciting tale by a man who received the DSO and the MC for his gallantry. Popski was born in Belgium of Russian parents. He worked in a sugar business in Egypt, and developed an interest and passion for desert expeditions. This stood him in good stead when he became an officer in the British Army and was assigned to

d [redacted]a small force in desert warfare.

I have always been unlucky with zippers. This

ning, the one on my flight bag became involved with my

k dressing gown, and in the ensuing struggle to separate

m the zipper tore away entirely, leaving a gaping hole in

dressing gown. Also my ball point[redacted] pen leaks like a

tomless vessel. Fortunately such mischances are as

r as fleas. I have at last settled upon a satisfactory

ume for long air trips - old doeskin trousers, white

t and tweed jacket. Sasha went off a couple of days

with Nursie for Switzerland - they have both been ill

so long with their mumps and grippe that this may take

jinx off them and pep them up. Good breakfast on the

e this morning - excellent eggs and coffee as well as

gh other trimmings to fortify a longshoreman for a hard

s work. The plane, four hours out from New York, is

cing around in rough wet weather, the [redacted] passengers

pped in their seats, and that great locus of male

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conversation - the toilet - barren of occupants.

I have been correcting this morning, aided by the comparative tranquillity of a plane journey, my essays on John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

Left La Guardia field, after being photographed and interviewed, at 12:30 p.m., arriving Washington 2 p.m. by American Airlines. Went to the Metropolitan Club, ate a sandwich, changed clothes, hustled to State, and joined a meeting in the Secretary's office to discuss the Pleven visit.

Finally left the Department with George Perkins, and had dinner at his house in Georgetown with Averell, Phil Jessup, Dean Rusk and Jamie Bonbright.

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Friday, January 26, 1951

Chuck Spofford came to my room in the Club this morning, and after a good talk, we went to the State Department together. Reviewed papers with Mac Godley before resuming meeting re Pleven in Secretary's office.

Lunched at CIA with Allen Dulles and Bill Jackson. Had a few words with General Bedell Smith as he came in the building. Another meeting after lunch in the Secretary's office, still another in Jamie's on security matters, and then one more in Willard Thorp's on money allocations to France.

Went with Chip to Jane and Bob Joyce's for a drink, thence to dinner at Bill Foster's at 1411 34th Street. Excellent evening with Bill and Milt Katz.

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Saturday, January 27,1951.

Dick Eldridge came to see me this morning, with some ingenious suggestions about combatting Communism in France. He is an able and sympathetic fellow, and I am devoted to him. He is here under medical inspection, threatened by an operation for gall stones.

A further meeting from 11 to 1, in the Secretary's office, on the Pleven visit. I met Mrs. Thompson down in the street. She had her husband and baby in the car, and drove me to Pauline Davis' where I was lunching. On the way, we talked about my business affairs, and she gave me masses of papers.

Delicious food at Pauline's, served by my friend James. We had much talk and I was so delighted to see her. I walked from there to Foggy Bottom and saw various people in the Department on even more various topics.

Met Allen Dulles at 1718 H Street. We had dinner at the Metropolitan and a long talk concerning the kind of affairs CIA was established to deal with.

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Sunday, January 28,1951.

Up at 7 a.m. as I have been ever since reaching Washington. I went to see Tom Finletter this morning; he is occupying Wayne Taylor's house. We took a walk in Rock Creek Park, during which he dilated on many subjects. We are lucky to have him as Secretary for Air. I took Kay Halle to lunch at a kind of saloon restaurant on Wisconsin Avenue. I always love seeing her. From there I went to see Joe Alsop. I told him quite frankly how harmful I thought his "Doom" articles were. He is so bright and agreeable, but almost hysterical in judgment. I also brought up the matter of his articles about my brother Jim. Thence to the Fosters' - more talk with Bill about ECA taking over the economic side of foreign military aid, etc. The boys in State think [redacted] ECA is engaged in a huge power grab and is empire-building.

I went next to see David Finley to discuss National Gallery affairs, and wound up at a late supper with Carrie and Macgill James.

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Monday, January 29,1951.

At the station at 8.45 this morning to meet M. Pleven and his entourage. Parodi, Alphand, Guindey, General Juin and others were with him. Hundreds of policemen, secret service operatives, photographers, were on hand. President Truman arrived, as did the members of his Cabinet. Averell just got in under the wire. The inevitable microphone was in a roped off space. Mr. Truman made a short welcoming address, and Pleven responded gracefully in his fluent English. He looks [redacted] un-French, with his 6 foot 2 inches of stature, his rather American features and general appearance.

I rode back with Averell to the Department and derived, as I always do when I am with him, useful instruction from his conversation.

I went to the Under Secretary's meeting at 10.15, where I delivered a sketchy dissertation on conditions in France. At noon, Don Heath, our Minister to Indochina, and I were taken by Dean to see the President. Averell was also there. I told the President something of Pleven's personality and

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character, and how simple and direct I thought Mr. Truman would find him. The President looked [redacted] fit. He is brief, attentive and quick in conducting business. I greatly admire his courage and forthrightness.

At one, I attended a lunch at Blair House, where the Trumans are living during the renovation of the White House, in Pleven's honor. The Vice President, the Speaker, the Chief Justice and various members of Congress were there. Blair House and the adjoining dwelling have been connected together for the President's use, and the interior is [redacted] attractive, although cv up into small rooms. There were about sixteen at the table. I sat between Averell and Senator Wiley. The food was plain and good. Cocktails before lunch, soup, Chicken Maryland, vegetables, salad, ice cream and champagne. The President and Pleven gave short toasts. A Marine orchestra played softly in another room.

At three o'clock, the Franco-American meetings commenced in the Cabinet room at the White House.

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This afternoon's session was devoted entirely to Far Eastern questions. General Bradley gave a briefing on the Korean War. We finished about 5.30, and I returned to the Department. I stopped to see Arthur Gardner on my way to the French Embassy for dinner. It was a huge function, - the President and Mrs. Truman, Alice and Dean, that wonderful [redacted] couple the Marshalls, the Snyders, Pauline Davis, Marie and Averell, Margaret Biddle, etc. Fine food and wines - Batard Montrachet 1947, Chateau Pavie [redacted] 1929, Clos Vougeot 1928, Pommery and Greno pink champagne.

I drove back with Pauline, stopped there for a while, and to bed at one o'clock.

In a hasty way I managed to transact a little business at the Bonnets' over the Moroccan situation. It has been alleged [redacted] that General Juin told the Sultan recently that if he did not dissolve the Nationalist party he would be deposed. Any such action would precipitate Arab hell-raising in the United Nations, where we already have enough troubles.

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Tuesday, January 30,1951.

The Truman-Pleven meeting was resumed this morning at the White House. Yesterday, Pleven had asked for 60 million dollars of financial aid for Indochina (as well as for an Aircraft Carrier and increased supplies of arms) but to-day he made no requests for assistance. Instead, he outlined the French rearmament program, and made an impressive summation of the French attitude toward Germany. The morning session ended by the President, the Secretary and General Marshall replying to some of the points raised yesterday and to-day. Money, and an aircraft carrier, for Indochina were refused, but a desire to help the French as much as possible in furnishing arms for their Far Eastern campaign was expressed. The President spoke in comendatory terms of the brave performance of the French battalion in Korea. It was agreed that the chief determent to Soviet aggression against the West at the present time was their fear of United States retaliation through our use of the Strategic

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Air Force, and especially the atom bomb. While superiority exists on our own side in this regard it is important for us to build up our other arms in the most rapid fashion.

Pleven had suggested yesterday the formation of a U.S., U.K., French body to study continuously Far Eastern problems. This was rejected by us, but we stated that existing forums of consultation such as the U.N., Embassies, etc., should be more frequently used for this purpose.

At one o'clock I went to the National Press Club to hear Pleven speak. He did so magnificently, full of fire and earnestness, and really stirred this most difficult of audiences. During the question period, his responses were brilliant and witty, and his English fluent, [redacted] even colloquial. He amused the audience when asked how near the Schuman Plan was to fruition by answering that his English was not sufficiently good to know whether we had a word to describe the state of a pregnant woman who did not know just when she was going to have her child.

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At any rate, such was M. Schuman's situation, rendered even more uncertain, Pleven said, because Schuman was " a bachelor of the male sex". The audience roared.

At three o'clock we reconvened at the White House and the discussion was addressed to economic questions. The French were particularly insistent upon the necessity of controlling the price of key raw materials to combat inflation.

By five o'clock we were ready to look over the Communiqué, always the most important item of these international meetings. Chip, Alphand and others had worked on it, but it was not finally approved until about ten to-night.

At six Dean had a large reception for the French at Prospect House, which the Government is leasing from Jim Forrestal's estate or widow. It was an especially pleasant reception. Pleven handled himself, as he has done throughout his visit, admirably.

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I went to dinner with Alice and Dean, and hugely enjoyed it. Alice is [redacted] sweet, and no one is as good company as Dean, full of charm, witty, incisive, so ready and apt in expressing his thoughts and reflections. He looks in the best of physical condition, his gayety seems to reflect no trace of the persistent torrent of abuse so long levelled against him. It must have cruelly wounded his spirit, but even his most bitter enemies speak of his remarkable courage. I think his position is as painful as the history of American public life can record. He is the scapegoat for the failures of and frustration of his fellow-countrymen, whether individual or collective; public unpopularity would have attached to anyone occupying the office of Secretary of State during this period. He is one of the greatest Secretaries of State we have ever had. He is, no doubt, intolerant of fools, [redacted] short with captious political critics, and under no conditions could win a popularity contest with Congressmen. But I pity his successor if one were to be faced with similar problems. He is a man of

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absolute integrity, possessed of brilliant gifts, a master of the written and spoken word. He is altogether an exceptional statesman. It must be almost impossible for a high-spirited man to restrain himself upon all occasions of provocation. Even General Marshall says he must, every three months or so, let fly against something, or else he will bottle himself into a suppressed effervescence that would destroy him internally. I have a notion, as a result of the few times I have seen them together, that General Marshall deeply sympathizes with Dean's dilemma and has a real admiration, [redacted] even affection, for him. I believe this must be true also of the President, that intensely loyal man. I do admire General Marshall. He is a wonderful combination of strength, understanding, and almost gentleness. He always speaks to the purpose. Although he never thunders like a prophet, you find yourself clinging to every syllable he utters, afraid of missing any of it. He couples good sense with humor. He is easy, yet deep, in speech.

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If Dean were to leave the Department, we would lose our ace against the Soviets. In any colloquy or conference, I am sure he is our best man to match and surpass them. If they are insolent, he answers them with well-bred and tolerant contempt. If they indulge in metaphysics, they deliver themselves to the scourge of his caustic analysis.

After dinner, Maurice Tobin, the Secretary of Labor, came in. I have only seen him a few times, but I like him, [redacted]. I first met him when he was Mayor of Boston, during my Red Cross days. I remember that occasion. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, had [redacted] strong feelings about the Red Cross having a priority in all fund-raising campaigns for charitable purposes. Bobby Cutler, a brother of my friend John Cutler, was the head of the Community Chest in Boston. He challenged Davis' view. A civic meeting in Boston was called. I attended; Mr. Tobin presided. When matters had seemingly arrived at a complete impasse, Mr. Charles Francis Adams was called upon to state his opinion. So overwhelming was his prestige that a solution was reached. Tobin

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was then an attractive looking fellow. He remains so today. After leaving Dean's, we had a talk about two questions that had engaged us in Paris when we were last together, namely, the sending of U. S. Ambassadors to the Vatican and to Spain. The latter has been accomplished by the appointment of Stanton Griffis, the former is still in limbo. There is no post equal to the Vatican for intelligence purposes. [redacted] Mary other nations have representatives there. I hope the President may have legislation enacted, establishing this position on a regular basis.

To bed at 1 a.m. The Metropolitan Club is providing a safe haven to numbers of friends, amongst them Arthur Bunker and Bob Thayer. Bob is shortly to be stationed in Paris.

The street outside the Club is so noisy that if one opens a window it is difficult to sleep. If the windows are closed, a musty smell is almost asphyxiating.

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Wednesday, January 31, 1951

Packed, had breakfast, and was ready to go to the airport.

For the last three days the temperature has been between 25 and 30 degrees Fahrenheit. This morning it was snowing, then hailing, with the elements apparently undecided on a definite choice.

As my plane did not seem certain to depart, I went to Union Station and boarded the 10 a.m. train. I found Walter White and John Collyer's chief executive in B. F. Goodrich and Company, my companions. We had hardly left Washington when we were informed there was a switchmen's strike. Consequently, in Baltimore we changed trains, and a Pullmanless local took us to New York, where we arrived at 3:15 in a heavy snowstorm. I had made an engagement to meet Buck Crawford and to go over my financial affairs, but, this proving impossible because of the delay, I sped to the TWA office, found they anticipated their flight to Paris would be carried out, and so went to La Guardia.

Having had no lunch on the train, I put down some

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eggs, frankfurters and a chocolate milk shake at the airport.

Instead of a five o'clock departure, we got off at 6.30 on a TWA Constellation. I have just had Martinis, chicken salad and a quarter of champagne. We reached Gander about 10.15 p.m. (New York time). We must have a strong tail wind. The temperature there, we have been told, is 2 degrees below zero.

I am [redacted] happy to be within a few hours of seeing Vangie again. I detest travelling without her, in fact, being away from her at any time. Something is running through my head which Dean said at one of the innumerable staff meetings in the Department. He had sat quietly during an hour of diffuse comment on how some contingency should be faced or interpreted. The language was becoming more and more stylized and pompous. He spoke up: "I have just been trying to recollect the first part of Peking Picnic where a Chinese diplomatic character, after going out to the hills with the Foreign Minister, reported to his

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home office: 'I have just had occasion to repeat to His Excellency the representations which I had the honor of bringing to his attention last Friday.'"

We remained forty-five minutes at Gander. Even by day, and a fair day at that, it is not a gay place. At night it is just a barracks. I think this field must have only been opened in 1940 when I first went there. Anyhow, I was stuck for three days in that wilderness. I lived in a tent, walked tens of miles, and busily tried to get myself directed to salmon or trout fishing by natives who seemed to think this an odd inquiry.

Had some local sausages and local beer, both good.

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Thursday, February 1, 1951

A [redacted] smooth crossing during the night. It was [redacted] cold; this morning the water is frozen and we cannot shave, except those technicians who have electric razors.

We reached Orly in full sunlight at 7:30. (1:30 p.m. Paris time.)

Tonight, I had a dinner for George and Linn Perkins, Alan and Lydia Kirk, and the U. S. diplomatic representatives from the Iron Curtain countries. Avis Bohlen, Margaret and Phil Bonsal were there from the Embassy.

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Friday, February 2, 1951

I saw General Schuyler this morning. He is still anxious to acquire the Boussac property near Versailles for a headquarters encampment. Boussac called me to say this was unacceptable to him. The French Government, however, is in a position to requisition the property if necessary.

E. and I had lunch with Pascal and André Dewavrin at 1, rue Saint James, Neuilly. We had not seen them for a long time.

Sir Oliver Harvey came to see me about the difficulty in Morocco, where rumor has it General Juin expects to force the Sultan to dissolve the Nationalist Istaqlal Party, and if he refuses, to depose the Sultan. Harvey expects to receive shortly instructions from his Government to make strong representations against such a course. I had discussed this in Washington with George McGhee and Messrs. Bonnet, Alphand and Parodi.

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Walter Kerr came to see me, and afterwards I went to call on M. Schuman to talk about Moroccan affairs. M. Schuman thinks he has the matter well in hand and realizes the gravity of any excitement there.

We had a large reception at the Embassy to-night. Bill and Betty Harcourt are staying with us and we all dined together afterwards.

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Saturday, February 3, 1951

I had another talk with George Perkins this morning. Then Dr. Dreyfus, one of the physicians practising at the American Hospital, came to see me about a personal passport problem.

Alan Kirk arrived. I had a good chat with him and will see him in Frankfurt on Monday.

Betty and Bill Harcourt had lunch with us. Bill thinks that [redacted] Salisbury is the ablest man in English public life, but, because of being in the House of Lords, will never be Prime Minister as his grandfather was. He also believes the vote next week on the steel nationalization issue will be close, but [redacted] the Labor Party will win it. We had [redacted] excellent bottle of Château Latour 1918.

We went down to Versailles this afternoon and spent the night.

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Sunday, February 4, 1951

A tremendous gale greeted us this morning. We had lunch at Versailles, then came to town where I talked to Woody, Stan Cleveland and Graham Martin about various affairs that will come up at the Ambassadors' meeting in Germany. Woody and I left on the 8:20 night train for Frankfurt. With the exception of a recent trip by train from Washington to New York, I have not been on the railroad cars for a long time. For some reason, I was unable to sleep, and read all night.

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Monday, February 5, 1951

Ben Buttenwieser met us at the station and we went out to his house at Bad Homburg for breakfast. We are to stay there. This is about a half hour's drive from Frankfurt. The Ambassadors' meeting convened at 9:30. The following were present: Assistant Secretary Perkins, Col. Henry Byroade, Mr. H. J. Shullaw, Ambassador Murphy, Mr. R. M. McClintock, Ambassador Katz, Mr. H. J. Tasca, High Commissioner John J. McCloy, Hon. Samuel Reber, Col. H. A. Gerhardt, Ambassador Gifford, Minister Julius Holmes, Mr. W. C. Trimble, Mr. B. T. Moore, Ambassador Kirk, Ambassador Spofford, Col. Charles Bonesteel, Ambassador Donnelly, Mr. C.Kidd, Mr. A. R. Forest, Mr. E. L. Glazier, Woody Wallner and myself. We had a long agenda to tackle. The principal subject of discussion the first day was the reorganization of the foreign assistance program. Some of those present felt that the agreement proposed in Washington between the foreign assistance agencies unduly curtailed the powers of American Ambassadors abroad. We recommended certain changes in this agreement, stated we thought it should be temporary, and as a long range policy advocated the

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transfer of ECA local missions to the Economic Divisions of Embassies, where, in the case of the larger missions the head of the Economic Mission would become a Minister of Embassy and take over control of all United States Government economic work. We further suggested that consideration be given in Washington to the establishment of a set-up in the Department of State similar to that which would then prevail in the affected Embassies. This would mean the establishment of a secretary for foreign political affairs, a secretary for foreign economic affairs, and a secretary for foreign public affairs, all under the Secretary of State. This pattern would resemble that in the Department of Defense where there is a Secretary of Defense, an Under Secretary, and three secretaries for Army, Navy and Air, respectively.

The McCloys had an enjoyable cocktail party about 7 o'clock this evening. Afterwards, we went to a large dinner at Ben's house. Amongst others there were Mr. Gifford, the new Ambassador to Great Britain and his wife. He is a nice fellow, about 66 years old, and his wife is charming. After dinner Erika Mann, [redacted] said to be the best operatic soprano in Germany, sang. She is [redacted] an attractive woman, about 35, with a glorious voice.

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Tuesday, February 6, 1951

After a late night we were up at 7:30. Today's meeting covered a great number of points, but particularly a consideration of the Soviet [redacted] reply, that [redacted] arrived this morning, in regard to a conference of the 4 Foreign Ministers. The consensus of our assembly was [redacted] we should bounce back a note to the Russians enumerating the many subjects of international tension now existing [redacted], hold them responsible for this tension, and reiterate that we do not wish to have discussions with them on the narrow basis of the demilitarization of Germany. We had lunch, as we did yesterday, in the huge local mess [redacted] across the way from the immense I. G. Farben Industry building where the High Commissioner's headquarters are located. We worked all afternoon, returned to Bad Homburg just in time to dress, and went over to a dinner given by the Cattiers (head of the ECA Mission under McCloy) and Sam Reber, at the Victory Guest House in Koenigstein, half an hour from Bad Homburg. There were about 50 people there in a colossal house built 20 odd years ago by one of the I.G.F. officials. After dinner, most of the

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men adjourned for another long discussion of the Soviet [redacted] note.

Woody and I got back to Ben's house around 1 o'clock, found he had not returned, and that the house was locked up. We made our way into the basement, and after a while a Sergeant in the Signal Corps, who was, incidentally, an Englishman until [redacted] recently, drifted in, and we all had [redacted] good Danish beer together.

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Wednesday, February 7, 1951

During our trip here, Woody and I had a chance to do some shopping in the Army P.X., [redacted] said to be the largest [redacted] in Europe. It is amazing what a variety of articles are for sale [redacted] at reasonable prices. I bought some badly needed towels for the children.

This morning we finished off all the minor topics on the agenda, and revised some of the telegrams which are to go to the State Department. After lunch, Woody and I joined Milt and Vivian Katz and others on Milt's airplane, and had a good flight down to Paris, occupying about 2 hours. We arrived home in time for dinner.

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Thursday, February 8, 1951.

I spent the morning attending to accumulated correspondence and discussions with various staff members. Al Gruenther came in this afternoon. I was [redacted] glad to get his advice on a military observer at the European Army conference [redacted] set for February 15. The Eisenhower group has not yet found a suitable location for their headquarters, and are still searching in the Versailles neighborhood. Michael Handler, correspondent for the New York Times in Belgrade for the last three years, called with his wife. They were introduced by Turner Cameron. He is greatly impressed by the toughness and determination of the Jugs against the Soviets. Bill Batt came in. He is having dinner to-night with General Kahn, [redacted] appointed by M. Moch to supervise the French production program. I strongly advised him to try to get the French to set up some organization which would make it possible to bring French businessmen into the program. As compared with the situation at home, there is little cooperation between government and business here.

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Friday, February 9, 1951

I went over to see Hervé Alphand this morning. He is to represent M. Schuman in most of the conferences on the European Army. His idea is for the conference to resolve itself into a committee of the whole. There will then be three subcommittees, one political, one economic and financial, and one military. He wished to ascertain the U.S. Government's views as to whether we want our observers to attend the meetings of the subcommittees, or simply the meetings of the main committee to which the subcommittees will report once or twice a week. Personally I rather favor the latter procedure.

Tom Finletter arrived here this morning. He, Lt. Gen. Norstad and Pete Hamilton came for lunch. We discussed various Air Force matters.

Bob Solborg visited me this afternoon to discuss American Chamber of Commerce affairs. Morrell Cody, who is trying to do the impossible in coordinating the information activities of State Department and ECA, called. Preston Grover came in with Eddie Gilmore, the AP correspondent in Moscow. Harold Callender followed them. I then went to the Hotel Talleyrand and had a long talk with

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Bill Foster, who arrived today.

Tonight Virginia Clarke arrived to spend a couple of days at the house.

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Saturday, February 10, 1951.

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the Talleyrand. I came in at the end of an
exposition by General Gruenther, [redacted] then sat
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esults. Still later, some cables were brought
e office, and I talked to McGloy and Spofford on
ne regarding various matters.

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Sunday, February 11, 1951.

E. and I went to Versailles for lunch, where the children were staying, and came back to town in the early afternoon. The Katzes and Bill Foster came to dinner. Virginia had left for London last night, and Perle Mesta and the Tysons arrived to-night to stay.

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Monday, February 12, 1951

Today was my birthday. Col. Richardson, whom I hope to have as an adviser on the European Army conference, came in from Wiesbaden to see me. He is ready to participate.

Arthur Lane called. He has just returned here from an extensive European tour and is leaving tonight with Cornelia for Spain. E. and I went to lunch at Le Caneton, [redacted] near the stock exchange. A [redacted] good meal in pleasant, quiet surroundings.

Mme. André Laus, with a letter of intr[redacted]ction from Governor John Lodge of Connecticut, came to ask my advice about marrying at once, or postponing it for several months for fear of a [redacted] Soviet attack.

Horton Kennedy arrived to discuss the Washington Birthday Dinner of the American Club.

I went to see Bourgès-Maunoury at M. Pleven's office to talk to him about the importance we ascribe to clearing Communists out of the French Atomic Energy Commission. He is in full accord. They have taken various steps in this direction, and hope to have the affair in good shape in a few months. Ridge Knight called me from Washington

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regarding the Department's concern over still another piece of legislation introduced in Congress to slap the French for not enforcing American preferent. . treaty rights in Morocco.

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Tuesday, February 13, 1951

Mr. Hammarskjold, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Sweden, came to talk to me this morning about his plan for a closer relationship between the OEEC and the Council of Europe. General Gruenther followed. He is concerned about the inability of the French thus far to supply the Eisenhower headquarters with suitable field space near Versailles upon which to erect their encampment. A number of sites have been suggested, but action upon them by the French has been [redacted] dilatory. Since this is the affair of an international force, the Embassy cannot become involved in it, but I must say I think the French have been [redacted] inept in handling it, and perhaps a word in certain quarters would be useful. General Brink, [redacted] in charge of the American Military Mission in Indochina, came in with Donald Heath to see me. They feel that once General de Lattre gets the equivalent of about another 1-1/2 divisions for service there, the jig will be up for Ho Chi Min. De Lattre has apparently created an [redacted] extraordinary impression of activity, determination and efficiency. He is expected back

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here toward the end of the month to make his requests in person.

I went to a lunch of the Cercle de l'Union at the Union Interallié. This is the first time I have attended one of their monthly luncheons, and it was well worth while. There are a number of leading intellectuals, diplomats both active and retired, museum directors, businessmen, etc., in this once famous social club which no longer has premises of its own. The Duc de Broglie is the president. He is a remarkably gifted man. André Siegfried delivered an eloquent and interesting discourse on his recent trip to India. I sat between Siegfried and Edgar Bonnet of the Suez Canal Company. This afternoon, Laurence S. Reed, with a letter of introduction from Jesse Jones, came to see me. He is president of the Texas Gulf Producing Company, and is in Europe attempting to purchase steel pipe for use in Texas. He has been unsuccessful to date, having found the prices here much higher than at home and the product in short supply. Isabel Kemp, who is heading Bill Donovan's committee in France for world federation, told me of her activities in this project. Arne Ekstrom called. He has just returned here, and is [redacted] glad to have arranged, while in Washington, for reemployment in France by the U.S. Government.

Princess Lucille Sturdza, whom I have not seen for 25 years, came to see me. All her property in Rumania has been confiscated, and she is living in the country on a legacy which her French fiancé, who came to an untimely end, left her.

We had dinner to-night with Perle Mesta and George and Marguerite Tyson.

Wednesday, February 14, 1951.

The Dutch Ambassador, van Boetzelaer, came to see me this morning. We talked over what our roles might be as observers at the European Army Conference. His position is somewhat dubious and fence-sitting, as the Dutch Government may decide at any moment to ease him over to being a participant. I talked to Joe Gray about our Consulate at Bordeaux. The present Consul is Walter Linthicum of Baltimore, a nephew of my old friend Congressman Linthicum. He wants to leave. In view of the fact that Bordeaux has become a terminal for the U.S.Army line of communication to Germany, we feel [redacted] it should be elevated to a [redacted] Consulate General. This will make it easier to obtain the services of a [redacted] highly qualified man who can handle the rather delicate situation which apparently exists there as a result of free imbibing of cognac by American troops after or even before the day's labors are over.

Dick Eldridge returned here yesterday, and he, Bill Tyler and myself had a talk about the labor memorandum of OSR on bringing pressure to bear upon the French Government to take certain measures to favor the free labor unions against the Communist-dominated CGT.

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Messrs. Parkman and Timmons had lunch with me in my office. We went over various causes of friction now plaguing the ECA French Mission in its relationship to OSR, ECA Washington, and the Embassy. Some of them revolve about personality problems. The Greek Ambassador came in this afternoon to express certain views on the European Army. He is skeptical about any concrete results being achieved at these meetings. Arthur Compton, a bright young man who has been with UNESCO in Paris almost [redacted] 3 years, called to say goodbye. He has become a Foreign Service Officer, and is going to the Political Sectionof the Embassy in Vienna. Arthur Muhlberger, [redacted] once the textile commodity specialist in the Economic Section of the Embassy and later represented the an American textile machinery manufacturer here, told me he is leaving in a few days for Greenville, South Carolina, where he will assume charge of the Ryan Brothers' mill interests, [redacted]. Major Wood, aide to General Gruenther, showed me a telegram just received from General Eisenhower evincing his displeasure at the failure of the French Government to come up with a suitable site for his head-quarters. The French have handled this matter [redacted] ineffectively.

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Some impediment has surrounded the final choice of each suitable site, and they have pursued the subject in a [redacted] desultory manner. Eisenhower's message is likely to galvanize them into action. Mr. Decker, a law partner of Sam Lloyd in New York, has been working here for some days taking depositions in the Elsie Mendl will case. She left most of her property to her secretary, Miss West. Decker is representing Elsie's brother, who is contesting the will on the grounds that Westie exercised undue influence over her. He says they have brought to light some [redacted] interesting facts which will later cause quite a newspaper sensation. They have been totally unable to determine Elsie's age. From her passport it would appear that she was 80. All other indications, including her brother's testimony, seem to indicate she was 92.

I had not seen Loren Carroll for a long time. He came in this afternoon, and told me he was writing a piece on President Auriol in anticipation of the latter's visit to the United States. Jack Harris, my OSS friend, is one of 5 American newspaper correspondents [redacted] making a tour of Europe at their own expense. He was here on a similar trip last year. We had a long talk. Joe Kingsbury Smith arrived and

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we ranged over a number of topics. He says the press reaction everywhere has been [redacted] bad regarding Jack McCloy's action in pardoning some of the Nazi war criminals and commuting the sentences of others. Jack had examined each case with great care, as had General Handy on the military side. The releasing of the playboy Krupp, who apparently had exercised no influence on the family business, has been especially singled out for adverse comment. McCloy has to sign each death warrant himself, and has the final power of pardon and reprieve. He was advised by a panel of 3 American judges of high repute.

I went to see Oliver Harvey tonight about the European Army. We are in accord on our roles as observers. We think we should remain as silent as possible, always an admirable course to follow.

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Thursday, February 15, 1951

The Dutch Ambassador came to see me this morning about the European Army conference. (Mine?) John Cowles, publisher of LOOK, then called. He is a live wire and full of imagination. Bunny Carter came [redacted] to see if he could be helpful about the matter of a site for General Eisenhower's headquarters. The Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Menemencioglu, gave a general disquisition on problems of war and peace and reasserted what I firmly believe, that his people are ready to fight any aggressor at any time. I talked to Ralph Wood about [redacted] his desire to leave the ECA French Mission and take a position elsewhere. This involves a [redacted] disturbing personnel situation in which Tommy is involved, which I discussed this morning with Lane Timmons and Graham Martin. I introduced Perle Mesta at lunch at the American Club, where she was the guest speaker. She read a [redacted] paper and made a moderate [redacted] impression.

This afternoon, Jimmy Riddleberger, Ted Achilles, Bill Koren, Tommy and myself attended the opening of the European Army conference. There was a considerable delay while the photographers worked their

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will on the delegates. Afterwards M. Schuman delivered an excellent speech about how this conception formed part of the French hopes for a progressive integration of the European countries in the economic, military and political fields. A document was circulated by the French, certain procedures were established, then the meeting adjourned so that the delegates could read and digest the contents of the French proposal.

The participating nations are France, Western Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy. Holland, Denmark, Norway, Great Britain, Canada, Portugal and the United States sent observers. The Dutch have at the present time no cabinet, and the Dutch Ambassador, head of that nation's delegation, thinks he may later, when one is constituted, be instructed to change over from the role of observer to that of participant.

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Friday, February 16, 1951

Frank McCarthy came in this morning with Mr. Hathaway of Fox Films. They have been taking [redacted] shots in Germany for use in a moving picture being produced on Field Marshall Rommel's life. They have run into objections from the French authorities to taking scenes in France. Several members of their French crew, a little while ago, refused to work on the film. Frank suspects this may be due to Communist labor union influence, although, on the other hand, the objections may be of a purely nationalistic nature. He wants some help in straightening the matter out with the Fre[redacted] authorities.

Mr. Herbert G. Wahle, with a letter of introduction from Senator Vandenberg, came to see me. He is representing the Norwich Pharmical Company, and is trying to find additional outlets for its products abroad. In France he has run into the usual difficulty encountered by American pharmaceutical companies. They are given no adequate protection against pirating.

E. and I had lunch at the Restaurant Benoit, 20, rue Saint Martin. It is an excellent place of the bistrot type.

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Walter Kerr came to see me this afternoon, and later I attended the meeting of the European Army Conference. M. Alphand presided, and restated in concise form the contents of the memorandum distributed yesterday. When matters of organization were dealt with I suggested that the observing nations should be represented at meetings of the whole committee, and should, with the permission of the Chairman of the three subcommittees -- military, political, economic and finance -- have observers present when they so wished. They would also be given full documentation by the Secretariat. This was agreeable to everyone concerned.

Oliver Harvey and myself went over to see the Prime Minister tonight about the proposal to have working groups representing the French, British and American Governments make a study of security procedures in the three capitals with a view to bringing about a coordinated and safer security control over classified documents. M. Pleven was pleased with this idea and, after discussing it with Queuille, Moch, and Boursicault, in the next few days, will give us an answer.

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Tonight we had the Tysons and Perle Mesta for dinner. They are leaving us at eight o'clock tomorrow morning for England.

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Saturday, February 17, 1951

Bill Tyler brought in Mr. and Mrs. Rathvon of RKO. They are [redacted] alive to the possibilities of influencing European thought and actions through the medium of American moving pictures. They realize [redacted] the best way to do this is to have the movies produced in the country where the influence is to be expressed. [redacted] I thought them [redacted] intelligent.

Mr. Hobbing [redacted] TIME-LIFE called on me, and I had a [redacted] talk with him about the European Army.

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Sunday, February 18, 1951.

We went to Versailles for lunch, taking the children with us. John Fowler, [redacted] over from London, Mme Bousquet, Christian Dior, the [redacted] attractive French Minister to Luxembourg, M. Saffroy, and Carmel Snow came to eat a goose which the chef had presented to us, having brought it up from his home near Pau. It was excellently roasted. We came back to Paris this afternoon. Charles Blackwell, his daughter Mrs. Peabody, and Parmely and Kitty Herrick came in to see us. We have lately acquired a poodle, from a concierge on the Champs Elysées, for the children which rejoices in the name of "Patachou".

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Monday, February 19, 1951

I saw Al Gruenther this morning about [redacted] having the French supervise, through their Army Engineers, the construction of General Eisenhower's headquarters for which the French Government has allocated a piece of Marly Forest forming part of President Auriol's shooting preserve there. We both felt that any insistence on this work being performed by a contractor selected by the Americans -- in this case, Col. Jacobs -- would be inadvisable for policy reasons.

The retiring Yugoslav Ambassador, Mr. Ristic, told me goodbye this morning. I regret [redacted] his departure. [redacted]

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I went to a lunch given today by Mr. Andvord, the Norwegian Ambassador, at 34, rue François I, the former Drexel house which the Norwegians have bought.

It was in honor of M. Schuman. The Bourbon-Bussets, the Fargeots from the Elysée, Nadège de Ganay, Simone Petsche, Jacqueline Patenôtre, Rodolph and Odette Hottinguer, the Turkish Ambassador, the Princess de Broglie, who has a wonderful kennel of poodles, and others were there.

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The Norwegian custom of the host making a gracious speech of welcome to his guests at the beginning of a meal is a pleasant one. E. was ill and could not attend. Andvord offered a toast to her as "La fierté du corps diplomatique". As always in this house, the food was excellent. They served the largest truffles I have ever seen, called Perles du Perigord. We had Cheval Blanc 1929, which varied greatly in quality from bottle to bottle. Boris Shishkin came in this afternoon to tell me goodbye. He is going back to be the economist for the A.F. of L. [redacted] Mr. Haguiwara, a Japanese delegate in France, called on me. Joe Grew had written to me about him. He [redacted] a secretary of Embassy in Paris from 1928 to 1933, and speaks perfect English and French. The French Government is shortly going to allow him to move into the old Japanese Embassy. Meanwhile, he is conducting his business with three secretaries. Mr. Cruikshank, who has replaced Shishkin in OSR, visited me. I was much taken with him. I had a talk with Lane Timmons about the possibility of his accepting a position with a distilling company. He is a man of exceptional value, and I would hate

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to see the Government lose his services. General Richards discussed with me the possibility that SHAPE would try to attract him into its orbit. It would be difficult at this time to replace him in the MDAP work. He is [redacted] conscientious, has a considerable grasp of the situation, a great capacity for study and detail, and we would lose months while any successor familiarized himself with his problems. The General was Chief Finance Officer of the Army for some years.

I went to see M. Schuman at 7:30 to try to persuade him to issue instructions to François-Poncet to announce that dismantlement in Germany had ceased as of December 31, 1950. He will refer this to the cabinet on Wednesday. We also talked of the difficulties in Morocco. He believes [redacted] General Juin has them well in hand and the Sultan will prove reasonable.

Phil and Margaret Bonsal and her mother came to dinner tonight. I have not been lucky today in my wine experience. We tried two bottles of 1928 Château Haut Brion, neither of which was satisfactory.

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Tuesday, February 20, 1951

Had lunch today at Benoit. One of their delicious specialities is Gratin de Crevettes, or little crawfish cooked with cheese. This is a haunt of serious eaters where the veins turn purple as the meal progresses. Pierre de Bénouville came to see me this afternoon with the notion that I ought to try to influence the Prime Minister to invite de Gaulle to discuss with him the formation of a coalition government with Gaullist representation. Actually the cabinet is wrestling with the problem of electoral law reform. Thus far no agreement on this issue has proved possible, and if the present stalemate continues the cabinet may well fall when the measure comes before the parliament next week.

Ambassador Dreyfus is here from Afghanistan on his way home. He has been in the Foreign Service for 40 years, only one of which he has passed in the United States. He will be 61 next autumn and is planning to retire at that time, and live in his native state of California. He has been stationed in a large number of countries, and to my surprise, when I asked him which posts he [redacted] preferred,

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he said Lima, Peru, first, and Tehran second. Teddy White and Preston Grover came to see me and we talked about the electoral law reforms, etc. Mr. William Meloney, a writer, and his wife Rose Franken, a well-known literary figure, called with a letter from Bill Donovan. They are touring Europe, and spending royalties, impounded in local currencies, received upon her books.

That baffling author, André Gide, died last night. He was the foremost writer in France. He had [redacted] kindly sent us last week a copy of his latest book. Justin O'Brien, who has done his American translations, was here last month. Justin considers him one of the really significant figures in French literature. We had Guy and Alix de Rothschild for dinner tonight. I gave him some of his family's 1906 Lafite. He recommends 1895, but I doubt [redacted] it is anywhere procurable.

Guy had [redacted] extraordinary racing successes last year. His horses placed 1st and 2nd in the French Derby. His father's entire stud [redacted] deported to Germany during the war. After the termination of hostilities some of them were brought back to France, including the famous stallion Brantôme, and it is remarkable how he built the stable

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up again in such a short period of time. He is lively and quick, with a real sense of responsibility and an interest in civic affairs. His family are exercised over what to do with his father's place, Ferrières, near Vaux-le-Vicomte. It is a huge house, constructed about 1850, according to the plans of the British architect Paxton, and is surrounded by almost 1,000 acres of the finest park in France, all encircled by a wall. It is too large and expensive for a private habitation, but, being only about 30 kilometers from Paris, they have been discussing the possibility of giving it away for public use. However, none of the French universities or state institutions are sufficiently endowed to maintain it. He asked me whether I could suggest any Franco-American authority that might be interested in accepting it.

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Wednesday, February 21, 1951

We had lunch with John Utter today in his attractive apartment facing the Etoile, which he took over from Ridgway Knight. The Eddy Pages, the Wallners and Robert Gérard were there. Mr. Leacacos of the Cleveland Plain Dealer came to see me this afternoon. Then the Danish Ambassador, Mr. Svenningsen, called to say he was retiring from his post here and going back to Copenhagen to be Deputy Foreign Minister. He is a nice fellow. Mr. Nicholls, the editor of THIS WEEK, is over here on a survey commission for ECA, State and CIA to size up propaganda possibilities. He seemed acutely aware of the necessity of working through local sources. Robert de Billy called to say that on his recent trip to Dakar he had found enthusiastic opinions expressed about John Plakias, the Consul General there, who used to be in the Embassy. William Fraser of the Worthington Pump Company told me goodbye. He is moving his wife and family home and will have charge of sales in the western district, based on Chicago. Harold Callender came in. Tonight we had a reception given primarily for

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Juan Trippe and the Board of Directors of Pan American Airways.

I had invited all the representatives of the civil air companies, and the French Government officials who deal with aviation, as well as [redacted] miscellaneous people. Unfortunately, the Pan Am plane was fogged down in Gander so we had to go ahead without them. Chip arrived today with General Eisenhower, and Avis and he had dinner with us tonight.

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Thursday, February 22, 1951

I went [redacted] to the Talleyrand this morning and met with Milt, Ty Wood, Mr. Fite and Graham Martin on the problem of acquiring space in Paris to house the NAT agencies in case it is decided to move them here from London. At 12 o'clock, accompanied by the Service attachés and the Marine Guard, I laid a wreath on the Washington Monument. This afternoon the conference on the European Army resumed. The German delegation asked a few questions, and the chief of the Italian delegation read a long paper. The meeting then adjourned, with the understanding that sub-committees would be established [redacted] shortly. Tonight the American Club had its annual dinner with President Auriol as the guest of honor. M. Gazier, Minister of Information, M. Louvel, Minister of Industry and Commerce, as well as other distinguished Frenchmen were guests. The President arrived at 8:15 and was taken to a small cocktail room; [redacted] we sat down about 8:40. The orchestra played the Marseillaise and the Star Spangled Banner, Dean Riddle delivered an invocation, and after about two hours of continuous

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eating and drinking I made a speech on Benjamin Franklin, and then the President turned loose his oratory, to the great delight of the 400 odd people [redacted] there. I sat next to M. Auriol at dinner. It is always a pleasure to be with him. He is [redacted] humorous and effervescent, [redacted]

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Friday, February 23, 1951

Mr. Taviani, head of the Italian Delegation for the European Army Conference, came in this morning with one of his colleagues to see Jimmy Riddleberger and myself. He developed the Italian desire to have this conference a success provided [redacted] its deliberations do not interfere with the present build-up of Western European Forces. When he inquired as to our government's views on the European Army, we told him [redacted] we were sympathetic observers, and welcomed any practical development in the field of European integration, especially any that promised more fully to incorporate Western Germany into the continental complex, which in turn would strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. We explained, however, that our government did not intend to exercise any pressure on any of the participants, [redacted]. I had a lunch today for Nelson Cruikshank, the new Chief of the Labor Division of OSR. The following were present: Mr. Robert Bothereau, Secretary General, Force Ouvrière, Mr. George Delamarre, Confederal Secretary, Force

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Ouvrière, Mme Jouhaux, ILO representative in France, M. Maurice Bouladoux, Secretary General, CFTC, M. Baillieux, Representative of CFTC, [redacted] Richard Eldridge, Embassy Labor Attaché, and [redacted] Cruikshank.

They are all [redacted] intelligent, keen people. I think it was a good thing for Cruikshank, who unfortunately does not [redacted] speak any French, at this initial meeting to have seen how individualistic the French approach, even in the non-communist labor field, is to every conceivable subject. This afternoon, David Schoenbrun came [redacted] to see me and showed me some recent broadcasts [redacted] he has made about the Schuman Plan, accusing the Germans of sabotaging it by [redacted] excessive demands inspired by the Ruhr industrialists. Mr. Severy came in to tell me goodbye. He has been assigned to Washington and I regret to see him go. He has done fine work here. Dr. Gulton, with a letter from Senator Eastland, asked me to intervene in a law suit [redacted] pending against a French company in which he owns a majority interest. I have met him before. It is a complicated case. He is an Austrian by birth, was in business for a considerable time in Germany, and is now a naturalized American

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citizen. Amongst other things, he is accused of having obtained his stock interest in this company in a fraudulent manner. I had a long talk with Bob Thayer, who reported for duty today as a Special Assistant to me. Ellery Huntington and Webster Todd called on me. Ellery was in Yugoslavia during the war for OSS, where he had an excellent record and established a close personal friendship with Tito. He has just come here from a visit to Tito. He says the latter would welcome an opportunity to have some of his officers and non-coms trained on modern American equipment. He is also convinced that, without parting from his communist ideology, Tito has definitely swung to the West. He could probably increase his armed forces to an effective strength of about 800,000, although the country is potentially able to raise 2,000,000 men including guerrillas.

Tito considers that the continuance in power of Stalin is important to stop the Russians from engaging in direct armed aggression. He thinks Stalin is much more cautious and wise than many of his younger associates; that his real ambition is to reconstruct Russia and not to plunge it at this time into another

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war which he knows would again cause great devastation there. Bill Tyler and Helen Kirkpatrick came to see me about the problems of a certain Franco-American organization. I then had a talk with Timmons about the possibility of his shifting from ECA to the Foreign Service of the State Department. When I arrived home, I found the famous gynecologist [redacted] Dr. Meyer there, who chatted engagingly about his resistance activities during the war. He is a close friend of Georges Bidault.

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Saturday, February 24, 1951

Teddy White came to see me this morning to talk about the German malingering over the Schuman Plan. He views adversely the representations allegedly made by ex-Secretary of War Patterson supporting the arguments of the Ruhr industrialists against the plan. I had a [redacted] talk with Doug MacArthur this morning, and later with Chip. Doug is serving as liaison between the Embassy and General Eisenhower's headquarters. Chip will remain here until the preliminary conferences, if they take place, looking forward to a meeting of the Foreign Ministers, are completed. He will then go home and take his oath of office as Counselor, and sever his connection with the Embassy. This will be a great loss, not only because of his remarkable qualifications, but because of our personal affection for Avis and himself.

We drove down this afternoon about 30 kilometers to see one of the old Louis XV hunting pavillons near Orsay, which belongs to a Dominican convent, and [redacted] is for sale at about 2 million francs. One of the sisters took us through it. It is a [redacted] beautiful small

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building with four rooms. Unfortunately the trees in the original park have been cut down to give place to agricultural functions performed on behalf of the convent. It would, however, be an admirable place for anyone seeking a weekend retreat.

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Sunday, February 25, 1951

After various alarms and excursions during the night we thought [redacted] Evangeline would go to the hospital today, as did her doctor. However, nothing further developed [redacted] so we went for lunch at Versailles. The Eisenhowers came over from the Trianon Palace Hotel, and had Lunch with us, the Gruenthers being unable to come since Mrs. Gruenther had contracted influenza. I had a long and encouraging talk with the General. He is a wonderful man, and gives one the impression not only of wisdom and sound judgment but of imagination and determination. We came back to town tonight.

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Monday, February 26, 1951

Phil Kaiser came to see me this morning. He is [redacted] concerned over the situation which exists between Charlie Wilson on the one hand and labor leaders at home on the other. He thinks [redacted] Wilson has behaved in a singularly stupid way, and [redacted] the President may have to get rid of him. We talked about various matters affecting the Department of Labor's foreign representation. I told him how [redacted] fortunate we felt ourselves here in having Dick Eldridge, with which he fully agreed. This afternoon Fred Neal came to see me. He is going back to New York University and is completing his notes for a book on morale in Western Europe. Clarence Streit, the guiding spirit in UNION NOW, talked to me at considerable length about his organization's hopes of having congress pass a resolution convoking a conference to consider Atlantic Federation. John Robinson, Harry Hill and Seymour Jacquet met here with me to go over some complications [redacted] concerning the American Hospital as a result of their discovery that [redacted] communists are associated with the

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construction program there. They are to talk further with Henry Parkman on this subject. Col. Souard of President Auriol's cabinet kindly invited me to a deer shoot at Rambouillet on March 11. He also diplomatically expressed the hope that perhaps General O'Hare could be appointed the American military aide for President Auriol's visit to the United States. After confirming with Red that he would be glad to do this I sent a cable back on the subject. For good measure I wrote Jamie a short letter about President and Mme Auriol, as follows:

"President Auriol is politically a Socialist and a disciple of the late Léon Blum. He has had a long and honorable career in French politics and has occupied many governmental positions. His present office is one of more dignity than political power. He has however created for himself a position of real influence [redacted] in connection with [redacted] the selection of prime ministers and the formation of their cabinets. He has also become extremely popular in France, having carried out the duties of his office in a most conscientious manner. He has been indefatigable in attending celebrations, presentations and manifestations of every kind, from the laying

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of cornerstones in obscure villages to riding up the Champs-Elysées on Bastille Day.

"He is from the Midi and is deeply attached to his native region of Toulouse. Like many méridionaux, he is gifted with a vivid imagination and a ready flow of language which is given full play both in oratorical flourishes and in private conversation. He is warm-hearted, demonstrative and affectionate. He is looking forward to his meeting with the President with great interest and exhilaration. He has a highly developed sense of humor, and everything that he does, including eating and drinking, is characterized by a rather extraordinary gusto. He is at the same time very dignified, and takes the responsibilities of his office most seriously.

"Mme Auriol is a very attractive lady with great charm, gracious manners, and extreme tact. She is deservedly popular in France and will, I am certain, make a favorable impression on the President and Mrs. Truman, as will her husband.

"The Auriols do not speak English although the President has lately been taking lessons and hopes to be able to make a

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few introductory remarks in our language to his speeches. He will talk very frankly to the President about almost anything which comes into his head. I am inclined to believe that the subjects which preoccupy him the most at the present time are 1) Indochina, and 2) Germany. As regards the former he is very proud of his position as the father of the French Union. He has been favorable to the independence of the Associated States, but likes to think that they will be preserved as members of the French Union and occupy in relation to France somewhat the same status as do members of the British Commonwealth to Great Britain. On the second point he is in favor of integrating Germany into the Western European society of nations. He remains, however, very suspicious of the good faith of Germans and of what he conceives to be the possibility that sooner or later they may try to draw the Atlantic world into a military venture to reconquer their lost Eastern provinces.

"As regards his anti-communism there can be no doubt. He thoroughly distrusts the Russians.

"He is deservedly proud of his success in life, which was

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attained through his own efforts. His father was, as I remember, a glassmaker. Mme. Auriol's father was a baker. He has never lost his lively interest in the welfare of the great mass of little people in the country. He is gregarious and has a genuine love of meeting people and enthusiasm for everything that is novel to him.

"I do not know whether his good-looking son Paul Auriol will accompany him. I gather that his once beautiful daughter-in-law, whose face was shattered in an airplane accident -- she is one of the best-known pilots in France -- will not be with him. The President is devoted to her. She has just returned from the United States, where she has had a series of plastic operations, and he is deeply grateful for the many kindnesses she received while there.

"He is an ardent sportsman and throws himself into shooting, fishing and even into boar hunting on horseback with his customary enjoyment.

"All in all they are a very sympathetic couple and representative of much that is best in this country."

Evangeline went to the hospital at 6 this evening. I got out there about 8 and things began to happen rather quickly. They gave her a

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caudal anaesthetic, and by 11 she had produced a boy who, [redacted] as the doctors had expected [redacted], made his entry into the world feet first. She is in fine spirits, and the boy seems thoroughly healthy. She was lucky to have come out of this alive, since I had been forewarned she might not survive what could certainly be a dangerous and difficult ordeal.

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Tuesday, February 27, 1951

General Schuyler came to see me this morning about the difficulty General Eisenhower's headquarters is experiencing in finding lodgings for their officer personnel. He would like me to take this up with Moch.

Ed Gaskell called to advise me about a deal that a man called Johnnie Freeman, who also passes under the name of Prince de Bourbon, would like to effect through the Embassy.

I had for lunch today Jimmy Riddleberger and Messrs. von Kessel, Marchteler and Ophuls. These three are members of the German Delegation on the European Army Plan. They say the idea of an European Army makes a great appeal to their countrymen. They think the chief difficulties will hinge on the question of equal rights for Germans, i.e. no discrimination, and secondly, that this army be militarily effective. On the latter point, they said the Germans regard themselves as experts on warfare against the Russians and believe lightly armored small regimental combat teams would not be efficacious. They are thinking in terms of heavily armored combat teams with a strength of around eleven thousand, which is far beyond anything the French have shown themselves disposed to accept.

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Meanwhile the Schuman Plan is not going well. Bob Patterson's activities in favor of German industrialists have had unfortunate repercussions here. In addition, the Germans, emboldened by the granting of certain concessions to meet their point of view, are characteristically asking for further concessions which would render nugatory the original underlying principles of the Plan. I think they are behaving very badly about it. McCloy has made strong representations to them, but thus far they have not been cooperative in accepting them.

Edouard Bonnefous came to see me. As well as being Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the National Assembly, he is also deputy from Versailles and the owner of a Versailles newspaper. He showed me

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Wednesday, February 28, 1951.

We had a meeting this morning in the Wallace Library for the OSR labor paper which deals with the problem of combatting internal aggression in France. Messrs. Katz, Tasca and Cruikshank were present for OSR, Parkman, Timmons, Douty from ECA France, and Bonsal, Eldridge, Crawford and myself from the Embassy. After two hours of discussion we decided to appoint a task force to develop some recommendations on this matter.

General Hicks came in to express his appreciation for the skillful manner in which the Embassy, - Woodie Wallner being largely responsible - had handled the negotiations with the French Government over the air force depot at Chateauroux.

I went up for lunch at the Astoria with General Eisenhower. He had General Gruenther, General Schuyler, Colonel Tony Biddle, Minister of Defense Jules Moch, and Ambassadors Katz and Wood. The general was in good form. This is the last day [redacted] he has to be careful

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about his diet in order to win a bet from George Allen that his weight on March 1st would be under 174. It was 172 to-day. He has had no alcoholic drink since he came to France, with the exception of one Scotch and Soda. He gave up smoking a couple of years ago and says he feels much better for it. General Eisenhower told a story about a French officer who was badly wounded in the head during the first World War. He was on the operating table and his brain was exposed. Someone came in and told him that he had just been made a general. He yelled with delight and jumped off the operating table. The doctor tried to catch him and told him [redacted] his brains were falling out. He said he would not need them any more since he had just been made a general.

Jules Moch was [redacted] pessimistic over the government surviving the vote this afternoon on electoral reform. The parties constituting the present coaltion have been unable to agree on the contents of this legislation. The MRP, which is certain under any circumstances to

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suffer [redacted] losses in parliamentary representation, is advocating a reform which would reduce those losses as much as possible. This is a [redacted] serious matter, for the real objective of an electoral reform at the present time would be to prepare for a general election under such regulations that its result would radically reduce the number of Communist deputies from their present 160, plus approximately 22 others who always vote with them, out of a total [redacted] National Assembly strength of 620.

Benjamin Harrison McKee came to see me this afternoon. He is a grandson of Benjamin Harrison, and with the exception of the war period has resided most of his life in Paris. About 1926 he bought an apartment here, which he rented in 1945 for six months to a Frenchman. His tenant having refused to vacate it, the matter was taken to the courts, where Mr. McKee lost his case. This is [redacted] unjust, but has happened often because of the peculiar nature of the French rent laws, which, in [redacted]

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make it practically impossible to dispossess a tenant, even though his lease has expired.

Thomas Paradine, with Colonel Carnig, came to tell me about the Tide of Toys, of which [redacted] Paradine is in charge for the American Legion. This organization distributes around Europe toys gathered from American children. It operates on a vast scale, about one thousand tons of these articles being distributed each year in France alone.

I went to see E. to-night at the hospital. I found her [redacted] well and in high spirits.

I dined to-night with Teddy White on rue Boccador with Messrs. Callender, Preston Grover, Stanton of the Times, and David Schoenbrun. We talked late and I got to bed about two o'clock.

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various articles of a scurrilous character in other Versailles papers attacking General Eisenhower, and wants to help us in any publicity that might be desirable to counteract such attacks.

Loren Carroll brought in Harry Kern of Newsweek and we had a discussion of French morale.

Raoul Boyer came to see me, and we had a conversation about wine.

Graham Martin introduced Mr. Blanchard who is taking John Kelly's place. He has been associated with the State Department and international conferences for a long time, and was closely connected with Ed Stettinius in his State Department and United Nations work.

I signed the papers of agreement between the United States and French governments this afternoon regarding the air base depot at Chateauroux.

I had a talk with Moch about the subject raised this morning by General Schuyler. Moch is a man of action, will take it up in person, and hopes to have

the French Government provide the necessary facilities.

I canceled my attendance at a dinner to-night at the Australian Embassy and went to see E. at the hospital. She is getting along finely, as is the baby.

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Thursday, March 1, 1951

Jean Lambert, a son-in-law of Mr. Bronfman, the head of Distillers-Seagram, came to see me this morning. He is an investment banker in New York, French by birth, [redacted] a friend and client of Allen Dulles. During the war, he had an excellent record, and [redacted] considerable experience in Free French activities. I was much struck by his personality, and by the brightness and solidity of his observations regarding French conditions of many kinds. So many foreigners residing [redacted] in the United States tend to acquire either a bias against their native country or else so lose touch with it that their judgments of conditions abroad are valueless. Lambert was particularly concerned over the propaganda efforts of the U. S. Government insofar as they are directed [redacted] at the French public. He [redacted] had some interesting ideas about the Franc-Tireur. He feels as I do, that propaganda is only effective when it is originated by, or filtered through native sources. He has recommended to his father-in-law an

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offer to Timmons to leave government service and go into the whiskey business. I have mixed feelings on this subject. Timmons is a man of extraordinary capability and the highest character. He would be a [redacted] loss to the U.S. Government. However, with a mother, to say nothing of a wife, [redacted] dependent upon him financially, it will be a difficult choice for him to make. This afternoon, William Nicholls of TIME WEEK had a second conversation with me. He has now completed a survey of the information situation here, and feels strongly about the necessity of making the fullest utilization of local native talents. He is [redacted] bright and persuasive.

Max Epstein came to see me. He is chairman of the General American Transportation Company, and has a [redacted] fine art collection. He comes over here each year.

The Soviet [redacted] reply, stating [redacted] they would send Gromyko with a delegation [redacted] to the preliminary conference in Paris on March 5, was received today. Parodi telephoned me and wants to fix a meeting between Jessup, himself, and the chief British representative over this weekend. We now expect Jessup about

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noon on Saturday. McCloy phoned me from Frankfurt to say he would like to come down here and meet Jessup, perhaps on Sunday, so he could afterwards brief Adenauer on the probable attitude of the 3 Western powers.

The Germans continue sticky over the Schuman Plan.

I tried to see Pleven today in connection with the cabinet crisis, but failed since Anne Pleven has suddenly been taken desperately ill. Auriol invited Pleven to try to form a new cabinet, but the latter refused. Auriol next approached Bidault, who has taken the matter under consideration, and is consulting his associates and other political figures today. The whole episode of the cabinet fall is [redacted] unfortunate, especially in its effect outside of France, but the issue is fundamental and must be resolved. An electoral reform law must be passed of a nature to curtail drastically communist representation in the Parliament. I had a picnic dinner tonight with Evangeline at the hospital.

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Friday, March 2, 1951

An Armenian rug merchant came to see me this morning to display his wares, which I thought were of [redacted] poor quality.

I had a [redacted] talk with Douglas MacArthur about what is going on in SHAPE.

Oliver Harvey and Alexandre Parodi came for lunch with me. This is a continuation of the idea we formed several months ago to have meetings once in a while between the three of us. Parodi talked [redacted] interestingly about his experiences with General de Gaulle at the time of Liberation. Although Parodi and Bidault were the chief leaders of the Resistance in France, Parodi, at least, was treated in a [redacted] cavalier manner by the General. He has, however, maintained contact with him, and sees him from time to time. He regards the General as a man of fine character with a great deal of ability, but of constricted vision, and difficult to deal with on the plane of personal relations.

This afternoon, Admiral Sherman, the Navy member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, came in with Admiral Carney. We talked

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at length about Port Lyautey and a great many other affairs. Admiral Sherman is attractive and knowledgeable.

Henry Bedford, who has retired from the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, called to discuss the possibility of his doing something useful in Paris. I suggested that he identify himself with the construction work now going on at the American Hospital.

This evening, there was quite a flap when Woodie told me the United States Government has received a letter from General Juin informing it that materials for use in constructing the new facilities at Port Lyautey would be subjected, under the terms of the agreement signed with him just before Christmas, to Moroccan customs duties. The naval officer thought that between themselves and the Army air forces this would entail the payment of fifty million dollars in such duties. A long scurry amongst the papers on this subject revealed that the question had been

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communicated to Washington in considerable detail and [redacted] the agreement as signed reflected exactly the instructions received from the Air Force and Navy via the State Department.

I went to see E. at the hospital to-night. The doctor had pulled out her stitches and she is progressing splendidly.

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Saturday, March 3, 1951

Sam Reber came in to see me. We discussed the Schuman Plan. McCloy is bringing every pressure he can to bear on the German Government [redacted] to have it initialled.

I had a talk with Woody about the Moroccan customs duties on American military materiel.

I had for lunch today the Keoghs (he is a painter and she has written three successful novels; she is the daughter of Archie Roosevelt); Tony and Margaret Biddle, Cornelia Otis Skinner, the Nichols and the MacArthurs. Cornelia Skinner is making researches into Paris café life in the 90's, with particular emphasis on the singers like Yvette Gilbert. She says she has met with [redacted] wonderful cooperation, and is literally deluged with letters, suggestions and interviews of every sort. Some of the famous chanteuses are still alive, and she goes around to have tea with them. The most famous remaining demi-mondaine is Cléo de Merode, whom Cornelia has found utterly beguiling. She says, however, that Mlle. de Merode will make no references whatever to the profession which gained

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her [redacted] great fame but will go on by the hour relating her experiences and accomplishments in the theatrical world. I tramped the antique quarter for a while this afternoon. Evangeline and the baby returned about 6 o'clock, and the dogs went out of their heads with excitement. I had a cocktail party for some of the accumulations that have lately built up.

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Sunday, March 4, 1951

Phil Jessup got in late last night after [redacted] a delay due to engine trouble. I met him at the office at 10 o'clock, and we went over to the Foreign Office at 11, where we talked with the British and the French, whose delegations are headed respectively by Mr. Davies, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and by M. Parodi, Director General of the Foreign Office. M. Schuman had a lunch at the Quai where I sat between M. Parodi and Mr. Mallett, the latter a great friend of Ashley Clarke.

Jack McCloy flew down this morning and had a lengthy conference with Monnet and Tommy. We saw Jack after lunch, and he is reasonably confident that Adenauer will order the [redacted] initialling of the Schuman Plan. He straightened out the intervention of Bob Patterson on behalf of the German industrialists, and Patterson is releasing a statement saying he is satisfied with the attitude taken by McCloy. The meeting at the Quai d'Orsay resumed at 3:30 and lasted all afternoon. Everything went [redacted] satisfactorily, and there was no disagreement between the three parties as to how they would present a united front in the forthcoming

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discussions. The principal thing [redacted] we would all like to get on the agenda for a Foreign Ministers meeting, aside from German and Austrian problems, is the opening of a discussion on outstanding causes of international ten[illegible]on.

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Monday, March 5, 1951

I saw Henry Parkman this morning regarding the contention between OSR and ECA-France [redacted] cutting off ECA aid to France in view of the increase in French reserves since June 30, 1950. I am personally inclined to the view that, as was done in the case of Great Brita n, January 1, 1951 and not June 30, 1950 as advocated by OSR, should be the [redacted] date. A determination of this question involves an examination of what was intended at the meetings in October at Washington where Messrs. Petsche and Moch were present. My own distinct recollection of these meetings is that it was never hinted that June 30, 1950 would be taken as a base point regarding reserves. Phil Jessup gave an excellent press conference this morning, and later I took him for lunch at the Restaurant Benoit, [redacted] Paul Pennoyer, whom I had not seen for some years, came to call this afternoon. Then Miss Lee Eitingon of LIFE and Mr. Jones of TIME visited me to talk about a trip they are about to make to Morocco. The situation there

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is momentarily quiet, General Juin and the Sultan having apparently settled their dispute and Juin having gained his point. However, some of the members of the Arab League are making trouble, and circulating inflammatory reports such as that the French Air Forces have bombed Fez.

The first meeting of the conference of the Four Powers to try to settle upon an agenda for a meeting of the Four Foreign Ministers convened this afternoon in the gaudy Palais Rose on the Avenue Foch. The exterior of this palace, constructed about 1900 by Boni de Castellane with his wife's - Anna Gould - money, is an adaptation of the Grand Trianon at Versailles. The interior, with its over-ornamentation, is quite dreadful. Mme de Castellane, now the Duchesse de Talleyrand, offered it to me rent free when I was in ECA, but I could not imagine trying to live in it. There are [redacted] few rooms other than the great reception salons, which are admirable for conferences of this sort. My notes on the first day of the conference follow.

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I saw Walter Schwinn and two of his associates from the artment who are here on USIE matters. We agreed that in the circumstances it would be well for USIE to have a Western European Regional Representative, at least on a temporary basis. I suggested Bill Tyler for this position. John Robinson, Harry Hill and Mr. Crampton of the American Hospital Board came in to tell me that the two communist architects who are associated with the American architect, Mr. Nelson, on the construction work now under way at the hospital have voluntarily severed their connection with Mr. Nelson, at least as regards this project. Jimmy Smith, Pauline Davis' son, as Special Representative of the Secretary of the Navy, is here to try to straighten out the difficulties which have arisen on the technical level, between the U.S. and French navies in connection with the development of Port Lyautey. Mr. Gilpatrick, who used to be with me in OSS and who for the past two years has been with the Rockefeller Foundation, came to see me on his way home

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from India. He is a fine and able young man. Bert Jolis has just returned from a 5,000 mile trip through the Gabon and Ubangi, where his company is carrying on an exploration for diamonds. It must have been a fascinating journey, practically all of it in the jungle, which in places is almost impassable. He says that even in the jungle their French employees, with infinite difficulties, carry along cases of wine and paté de foie gras, and provide remarkably good food, although totally unsuited to the climate. His trip was made by foot and canoe, and, though bitten by every imaginable kind of insect, he has not yet, at last, developed any fever. He went to visit Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his medical camp on a jungle island and was, as is everyone, vastly impressed by him.

The Comte de Paris and Welles Bosworth came to lunch with me today. By an act of parliament passed last year, the Comte de Paris, who had a gallant record during the war, was allowed to return to France even though he is the pretender to the French throne. He is an attractive fellow, speaks perfect English, is the grandson of Louis Philippe and, I imagine, about 45 years old. He has

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a wife and 10 or 12 children. He told me [redacted] he took no part in politics at all and had no party. He is contemplating a trip to America.

The 2nd conference of the Four Powers met this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Palais Rose. During the afternoon the violent attacks made by Gromyko, always with a dead-[redacted] face, on the United States, France and Great Britain were such that Phil Jessup had to take him to task. It was one of the most perfect jobs of polite castigation [redacted] Jessup displayed no emotion, but coldly dismembered Gromyko who remained outwardly unperturbed. The meeting finally broke up about 8:15. I arrived [redacted] late for dinner at the Australian Embassy at 7 Boulevard Jules Sandeau, where the Harveys and others were unfortunately kept waiting by me.

My notes on the second day of conference follow.

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Wednesday, March 7, 1951

I went to Phil Jessup's staff meeting this morning to hear what tactics are suggested for today's meeting with the Russians. Next I had a long talk with Tommy about the Schuman Plan. I lunched with the Wallners, and [redacted] pleasant it was, with a large number of people. I went over different problems with members of the staff before attending the Four Power preliminary conference at the Palais Rose. It was unusually dreary today, with Gromyko droning on and repeating over and over again completely baseless charges of aggression and treaty breaking by the 3 Western Powers. I had dinner tonight at the O'Hares'. Generals Eisenhower and Gruenther, with their wives, were there. His house on Rue Weber, in which I once lived, has been [redacted] improved by painting and redecorating, and is [redacted] attractive. Bill Tyler came in. He has recently returned from a trip in the course of which he stopped at one of the houses in which Jacques Coeur once lived. Coeur's motto was still in evidence there: "En bouche close n'entre mouche" - a [redacted] good motto for diplomats and seldom followed.

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Thursday, March 8, 1951

Milt Katz, Henry Parkman and myself had a meeting this morning about the great contention [redacted] raging over French reserves, and whether the French should not be cut off from ECA aid and obliged to use reserves accumulated since July 1, 1950, amounting in all to about 120 million dollars. There are many considerations and complications entering into this determination, and I think we made great progress [redacted] in agreeing upon the essentials to be considered in respect to this problem. Edouard Bonnefous met with Doug MacArthur, Bill Tyler and myself to pursue further his kind offer to assist in controverting the Communist propaganda in Versailles against General Eisenhower. George Vanier came to see me this morning, and we talked about the Palais Rose conference and the European Army. This afternoon I went to a plenary session of the European Army Conference where the Germans presented a paper on the subject of the strength of the military units advocated by them. They are thinking in terms of a combat group of between [redacted] 10,000 and

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12,000 men. Two of these combat units would constitute a real operating unit which they were careful not to call a division, and this formation would consist entirely of people of one nationality with its own artillery, communications, staff, engineers, etc. The French suggestion, elaborated by General de Larminat, was for combat teams of 5 to 6,000 men, 3 of which, each of a different nationality, would constitute a division. The most important difference between the two proposals is that international integration under the French plan would start in at the divisional staff level, and with the German plan at army corps level, aside from the difference in concept about the size of homogeneous forces and supporting elements. The German point of view was I thought [redacted] maladroitly expressed, because it was only after the French had elicited by questioning their views on where integration started that the Germans clearly pronounced their desire to participate in a European Army and their acceptance of the political principles underlying it.

The Germans will seek instructions from their government, and the Steering Committee will meet next week to discuss the two

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plans further. It was an interesting session, and I believe there is a basis for compromise which might be worked out if the French and Germans sincerely favor the creation of a European Army. From this meeting, I went directly to the Palais Rose, where Mr. Gromyko was holding forth and showing no disposition to be other than offensive.

I had dinner tonight at the Ministry of Finance in the Rue de Rivoli, with Edgar Faure, the Minister of the Budget, and his wife. It was one of the pleasantest dinners I have ever been to in Paris. There were about 50 people, and we ate at small tables in the huge Napoleon III salon where a great open fire was burning. I sat at a table with M. Faure, Wilfrid Baumgartner and Jacques Koscziusko, between Jacqueline Patenôtre and Mme. Jacques Fourcade, the attractive wife of the President of the French Union. There were dozens of friends and acquaintances there like the Alain de Rothschilds, the Pierre Lazareffs, the Bidaults, Simone Petsche, Robert de Billy, etc.

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Friday, March 9, 1951

Goldthwaite Dorr came in this morning, and we had a [redacted] talk on the international problems with which he is immediately concerned. Jack McCloy called me on the telephone to say that feeling in Germany toward the Schuman Plan had been greatly complicated by the recent pronouncement of Mr. Hoffman, President of the Saar Council, and [redacted] remarks [redacted] by the Quai d'Orsay on these comments. The Germans are anxious [redacted] once again the French Government officially state that the future disposition of the Saar will be determined by the provisions of the German peace treaty, and [redacted] any arrangements now made in regard to it are only provisional. They also want it made clear that the coal and steel industries in the Saar will be brought fully within the provisions of the Schuman treaty. I took this matter up with Monnet immediately, who will express my opinion upon it, which is in accord with that of Jack McCloy, to M. Schuman. Ralph Wood told me [redacted] he is moving over to OSR where he has been offered an interesting job. Dan

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Reagan came in. He has been at the Torquay Conference for months and I am thankful to say appears to be in excellent health and to have fully recovered from his long illness. Huntington Gilchrist, Chief of the ECA Mission in Brussels, and Bill Biggs, President of the Brookings Institution, came to lunch with me. We had a thorough talk about Brookings-affairs, but were unable to bring up any new names of men who could adequately replace Dr. Moulton. This afternoon, General Richards, Woody and Eddie Trueblood met with me to consider a reply to a letter recently received from Jules Moch stating his objections to the slowness of American military end item deliveries, and raising other points in connection with the French rearmament program and American assistance toward implementing it. At 4 o'clock, I went to the Palais Rose for another meeting of the deputies. It bogged down as usual in turgid interchanges between Messrs. Davies and Gromyko. Davies is a man of goodwill, who apparently believes that by repeating a reasonable point of view one can get somewhere with the Russians. Gromyko is having nothing of that, and reiterates his attacks upon Western imperialism, aggressiveness,

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etc., hoping to drive a wedge between ourselves, the British and the French. In this instance at least, I think [redacted] the attitude of our delegation is far more realistic than that of the British and French. The Soviet agenda is [redacted] clearly designed to prejudge in particular the issues [redacted] the foreign ministers would agree to consider. Our agenda is reasonable, and would allow discussions upon all causes of existing international tensions in Europe, without making it necessary [redacted] to devote [redacted] primarily to the "demilitarization and remilitarization of Germany", the phrasing [redacted] so often repeated by Gromyko that I now know it in Russian. Behind the four Russian delegates, there is a group of 12 assistants, 2 of whom are women. Of the men at least half [redacted] look like barroom bouncers, whom it is supposed are members of the NKVD. They are almost entirely impassive. They do not smoke, or smile, or betray by expression any interest whatever in the proceedings. Whenever there is a recess, they march out in what is almost a military formation, and regroup themselves in front of the tea table. Under ordinary circumstances, if this were a bilateral meeting between the

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Russians and ourselves I think we could arrive at a speedy conclusion one way or the other, by giving them our agenda on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. However, just as a convoy has to regulate the speed of its movement by that of the slowest ship, we are under the necessity of talking for hours about matters which, from our point of view, are unacceptable for consideration by the Foreign Ministers. The conference adjourned tonight at the unprecedentedly early hour of 7:30 with no progress having been made.

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Saturday, March 10, 1951

Walter Schwinn, before leaving for London, talked to me further about his attempts to coordinate information programs abroad. Helen Conant, a daughter of my old friend Sam Conant, called on me with a classmate of hers, Miss Carol Gamble, and their chaperone, Miss Berkeley.

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Sunday, March 11, 1951

I went to Rambouillet at 8 o'clock this morning for a stag drive which the President was having there. I had borrowed a cavalry carbine from our Marine lieutenant. There are a large number of Japanese deer in the park, and I had [redacted] shots at a stag which I [redacted] missed, but do not regret it. Duff-Cooper, the Afghanistan Ambassador, the Nepalese Ambassador ([redacted] dressed in a [redacted] Tyrolean costume), the Indian Ambassador and Carl Burckhardt were the other guests. Mr. Malik, who is unusually [redacted] proficient in all forms of sport, did not bring a rifle as he does not like shooting deer. He stood with me most of the time and, as always, I intensely enjoyed his conversation. Although we saw lots of deer, the only casualty was one which ran into a wire fence and killed itself, [redacted] The President sent me one of its haunches.

From Rambouillet, we went to lunch at Marly where President and Mme Auriol have a small forester's lodge [redacted] they use on weekends. It is only a few paces away from the site of the old

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Château de Marly and amidst picturesque surroundings. Everything about it is [redacted] simple except the menu which, in true Elysée style, was long and delicious. Diana Cooper joined us for lunch and we ha[redacted] good time. Tonight, Phil Jessup dined with us, [redacted]

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Monday, March 12, 1951

I spent most of the day in bed with an appalling cold. David Nes came up in the evening with a lot of cables, and Chip passed by to tell me how the conference was going. In fact, it is for the time being at a stalemate.

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Tuesday, March 13, 1951

I spent most of the day in my room in paroxysms of sneezing. David came up with the cables, and Denny Johnson brought me some interesting material. I have read more in the last two days than [redacted] for months. Bert Jolis and Mme Bousquet came for dinner.

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Wednesday, March 14, 1951.

The Consular Conference opened to-day. Chip and I welcomed the members. Later in the morning, Oliver Harvey came to see me. He is concerned over our not having received an answer to the suggestion we made to M. Pleven some weeks ago about security matters affecting in common the governments of the US, Uk and France.

I had a small lunch to-day for Arthur Krock and invited René Pleven, Jean Monnet and Cy Sulzberger. Pleven, together with Messrs Bidault and Guy Mollet, has become a Vice President of the cabinet under M. Queuille's new government. I had a chance to ask Pleven about the question raised with me by Oliver Harvey this morning. He told me he had referred it to the Foreign Office a couple of weeks ago, and he thought it was in good shape.

Frank Canfield came to see me this afternoon. His headquarters are now with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in London.

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Thursday, March 15, 1951.

The Schuman Plan seems to be going along at a better pace, and there is a possibility of it being initialed on Friday of this week. I talked to Jack McCloy about it this morning on the telephone. He has done wonderfully in bringing the recalcitrant Germans into line.

I introduced General Schuyler at the Consular Conference this morning and he made a [redacted] interesting exposition of the SHAPE organization and problems. I then went over to the Quai d'Orsay with Phil and others, and stayed there part of the meeting on what the Tripartite stand should be for this afternoon's conference with the Russians. The Russians are still stubbornly insisting on making the principal item of the agenda the fulfillment of the Potsdam agreements as regards the demilitarization of Germany. This is completely unacceptable to us.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Tovrov, the former a Radio broadcaster, came to see me this morning with letters from a couple of

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Senators.

I went to lunch at the American Club, where Phil Jessup was the guest of honor. He is a more effective speaker.

Drew Pearson came to see me after lunch, and I had a long talk with him. M. André Beauguitte, former Minister, now Director of Presse Diffiusion and active in Chamber of Commerce affairs, called on me.

I attended a plenary meeting of the European Army Conference this afternoon at the Quai d'Orsay. The Germans reiterated the stand taken by them last week in regard to the size and armament of units for the proposed army. The French stuck by their guns, and reference of the opposed papers will be made to the Military Committee.

We have had an unusual amount of intricate office business in the last few days covering almost every subject under the sun. M. Parodi has promised to give Oliver Harvey and myself this week an answer to the security matter which we are anxious to bring to a conclusion. Amongst other things, I have just signed a formal note to the Foreign Office covering the acquisition of seventy tons of duck and goose feathers for stock piling.

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Virginia Clarke arrived from London tonight to spend twenty-four hours with us.

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Friday, March 16, 1951

Jack West said goodbye this morning and introduced his successor Mr. L'Allier. Preston Grover called and I enjoyed [redacted] seeing him, as I always do. J. Derry Kerr from Los Angeles, a friend of J. K. Vardaman, came to see me. Horace Reed and Mr. Straus talked to me about buying boot-leg mercury from Spain. They will discuss this with members of the French Government. This afternoon, R. L. Hockley, Vice President of the Davison Chemical Corporation and a son of my old friend Chester Hockley, talked to me about the negotiations he is carrying on for his company in Europe to equip oil refineries as well as certain chemical installations with [redacted] products.

I went over to see M. Parodi, who handed me a note; he amplified orally the point of view expressed in it by the French Government which protested against the recent Anglo-American meeting at Malta to discuss Near East defense, from which the French were excluded. He felt the British were more responsible than the Americans for

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the refusal to admit France to such conferences.

M. Pleven called me later in the afternoon to say he anticipated an attack on him by Gaston Palewski in a newspaper article which would allege he had, during his visit to Washington, neglected to protect French interests in connection with attendance at such conferences. Since, on the contrary, Pleven had expressly mentioned this subject to President Truman, and there is an interchange on the record of the conversation between them, Pleven felt that if pressed he would have to make a public statement.

Jack McCloy called me from Frankfurt to say he had done [redacted] everything he could do to influence the German Government to sign the Schuman Plan, and he thought as far as the Germans were concerned the machine was on the rails. I talked to Tommy about it immediately afterwards, who reported that the Belgians are still expected to cause some difficulties.

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We are taking certain steps to try to obviate any trouble which might arise from that source or from Luxembourg.

Gardiner Platt, whom I had not seen for some years, [redacted] a brother-in-law of Dean Acheson, called on me. He had a bad attack of phlebitis when he was in OSS and has since had one recurrence of it. He seemed, however, in excellent health and is now in charge of all the foreign business of the Whirlpool Company, [redacted] manufacturer of washing machines, which turns out about a million of them a year.

General Schuyler came to say [redacted] they would like me to talk to M. Queuille before my departure, and mention to him generally the keen interest of SHAPE in arriving at an arrangement to construct a large number of air bases in metropolitan France. I have therefore arranged to see both M. Moch and M. Queuille next Monday on this subject.

I went to see M. Letourneau to-night to consult

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him about whether or not the United States Government should extend an invitation to General De Lattre to visit Washington on his way back to Saigon. De Lattre arrived here yesterday. M. Letourneau will take this up with M. Queuille immediately.

There is a bus and subway strike to-day. Consequently the traffic is terribly congested.

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Saturday, March 17, 1951

Randall Dubois, a former OSS man, came to see me this morning. He is interested in the formation, by French interests, of a company in the United States to exploit [redacted] patents held in France in connection with steel fabrication. Royall Tyler and DeWitt Poole came to see me to talk about their university for refugees from behind the Iron Curtain which may be established at Strasbourg. DeWitt has become Chairman of the Board of the Free Europe organization, and C. D. Jackson has replaced him as the active executive head.

The morning was made quite hideous by a last-minute flap over the Schuman Plan. Monnet came to see me about it and I went to meet M. Schuman at the Elysée, where he was engaged in a meeting with President Auriol. It now looks as if the representatives of the various participating governments would initial the plan on Monday. Powerful influences are, however, still at work in Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg to oppose its signature later on by the heads of governments. It was tentatively decided with M. Schuman that,

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instead of remaining with President Auriol in the United States and accompanying him to Canada, he would ask the President to permit him to return here by air at the conclusion of the Washington meetings and start his conferences on the governmental level the 5th of April, at which time he hopes [redacted] Chancellor Adenauer will attend. I had a lunch today for General de Lattre, with Bill Tyler, Phil Sprouse and Woody. The General was in his usual wonderful form and discoursed with remarkable vivacity and humor. He anticipates an attack by the Viet Minh the early part of April, in which case he will fly back to repel it.

This afternoon Oliver Harvey invited [redacted] Jessup, Chip and myself to meet Mr. Morrison, the new Foreign Secretary, at the British Embassy Residence. Morrison is a bluff, humorous, [redacted] egotistical, conversable man. We talked about the difficulties of arriving at an agenda looking [redacted] to a conference of the four Foreign Ministers.

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Sunday, March 18, 1951

Evangeline and I went to Versailles and had a picnic lunch. The grounds there are filled with daffodils in luxuriant bloom. This afternoon we had a cocktail party at Avenue d'Iéna with masses of people, including the Harveys, the Van Boetzelaers, etc. Dear old Countess Greffulhe arrived, bright as ever. She has lately been consulting her private yogi, is quite confident there will be no war this year, and proposes to spend the summer with her sisters at Fontainebleau. Dolly Tvede was also there, looking surprisingly young although she was presented with a great grand-child the day before yesterday.

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Monday, March 19, 1951

I went this morning to see M. Moch, and talked to him about the question of metropolitan air fields. He is in favor of the plan in general, but would not like anyone in France to know what is contemplated until after the elections, since he feels it would stir up trouble, especially on the part of the communists. The matter is before the Standing Group at the present time, and when it is resolved by them we will have to consider M. Moch's objections further. He is also [redacted] concerned that there is not an overall strategic planning group composed of representatives of the US, UK and France. He says [redacted] the demand by General de Lattre for more troops for Indochina immediately poses a [redacted] question in regard to France's contribution for Western defense which cannot be solved by any NATO organization but only by one which is dealing with strategy in a world-wide sense. From there I went to see President Queuille and had a good [redacted] talk with him. He is anxious to have the elections as soon as possible, but is [redacted] skeptical as to whether they can be held this summer, since one cannot predict at

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this time the course of the electoral law reform bill in the National Assembly. I called on M. Letourneau, Minister for Associated States, who stated the cabinet had decided against our issuing an invitation to General de Lattre to come to the United States in the near future. An attack is anticipated in Indochina the early part of April, and they are anxious to have him go back as soon as possible.

Helen Kirkpatrick took Bill Tyler and myself for lunch today at the Restaurant Brusset, 4, Avenue George V. She had ordered lunch in advance, and delicious it was. She is about to go back to Washington, and become public relations adviser to George Perkins. She has done a wonderful job here, and will be a tremendous loss. Mrs. Anderson, our Ambassador in Denmark, came to see me this afternoon. Attractive and vigorous, she has done splendidly in her post there. For the second day, there has been a transportation strike in Paris, the workers demanding higher wages. President Queuille told me this morning he anticipates great difficulty in settling this strike, in which not merely the communist, but also the non-communist

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unions are participating. This morning, the Schuman Plan was initialed, and thus the first great step toward the integration of the Western European economy has now been taken. I had a lot of last day things at the office to take care of. Hermione McCall and Priscilla Leseur came to call. René McCall is in Buenos Aires investigating the PRENSA affair.

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Tuesday, March 20, 1951.

A scramble at the office this morning. The transportation strike continues; the underground scarcely functioning, the suburban trains discontinued, one-half the taxis off the streets. The gas and electricity companies are threatened with closing. Heavy trucks are much in evidence, as well as other Government conveyances, carrying passengers at from 25 to 40 francs a ride. If possible, there are more bicycles than usual - the automobile traffic is intense, circulation clogged. News came through that the President's special train to Le Havre, on which we had been invited to accompany him, has been cancelled, and the passengers must make their respective ways to the port as best they can.

I went home for lunch. The chef had evidently decided to feast us as if we were destined never to eat again.

Around three p.m. we departed by car, with Robert driving. It was a lovely day. As we got well into

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Normandy we found the village streets thronged with citizens expectant to see the President pass. We made a leisurely four hour journey, and settled our things comfortably on the Ile de France, before it was time to go ashore and attend the festivities given by the Municipality of Le Havre to M. Auriol. Mayors and Prefects made speeches, and Auriol responded with characteristic exuberance.

At nine o'clock we joined the Presidential party for a dinner which he offered in honor of the local celebrities and dignataries. I sat between M. Chastellain, Mayor and Deputy of Rouen, an armateur by profession, and Madame Auriol.

The President is accompanied by M. Schuman, Jacques Kosciusko (Director of his Cabinet), Jacques Dumaine (Chief of Protocol), General Gossin (his personal staff officer) and Bernard Beck (Assistant Director of M. Schuman's cabinet). The enchanting Vaniers and ourselves are sort of outsiders. The Auriols have four security

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officers, two butlers, one valet and a lady's maid.

It is estimated that the official expenses for the trip (including presents - a fitted suitcase for Mrs. Truman, etc.) will amount to 38 million francs (about $105,000.). There are also supplementary credits available for radio and television reporting. A [redacted] good pamphlet (to which I contributed a foreword) has already been printed, giving, with photographs and text, an intimate view of the President's personality and tastes.

We found a number of friends and acquaintances aboard - the Pierre Lazareffs, the Roger Massips, Max Fould, [redacted] Beautiful Odette Pol Roger, Tita Mendenhall, George Tait and his wife, and lots of others. We have a [redacted] comfortable suite called the St. Germain, [redacted] fresh and modern, with a bedroom, sitting-room, two baths and lots of closet and baggage space.

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Wednesday, March 21,1951.

We woke up this morning in Plymouth Harbor, with three escorting British destroyers faintly discernible through the drizzle and mist. About eleven o'clock M. Massigli, the Lady Mayoress of Plymouth and other English dignitaries arrived for a visit. M. Auriol entertained them in private. At 3 p.m. the passengers from England disembarked, and sometime after four we headed out to sea.

To-night we attended our first movie - founded on the life of Rudolph Valentino. It was not well cast, the hero was [redacted] a ham, but it was fair entertainment.

Tommy called me on the wireless telephone to-night to talk about the Schuman Plan, ECA assistance, etc. He says [redacted] the strikes in Paris have proliferated further to-day.

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[redacted] Thursday, March 22, 1951. [redacted]

This morning is sunny and beautiful. In spite of dire predictions of foul equinoctial weather, we are at least having a happy start. Had for breakfast a fresh Channel sole. Lazed around until it was time for a bountiful lunch. At 4.30 there was an old film of Charlie Chaplin's "Monsieur Vernoux" with French dubbing. Not bad, but little slapsticking. Chaplin was a murderer who did away with numerous, for the most part dreary, women, and put their savings into unsuccessful stock market speculations.

We dined with President Auriol to-night. The original party was reduced by Mme Auriol and George Vanier keeping to their cabins. We wound up with M. Schuman, M. Behogne (Minister of Public Works in Belgium), a French Deputy, Pauline Vanier, E. and myself. Very lively and a good dinner prefaced by caviar. Afterwards, we went to the gala where we knocked off a bottle of champagne.

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Friday, March 23, 1951.

Beautiful calm day. We are on a southern course. The passengers seem [redacted] happy. The ship is uncrowded, since about sixty-five persons who had tickets, unwitting of the railroad strike in Paris, went to the station and when turned away were too late to reach Le Havre by other means.

L. and I walked, talked and ate. I am again revising my Washington and John Adams essays, and reading a miscellany of books and magazines.

This afternoon there was a stupid MGM movie of San Francisco about 1870, called "Inside Straight". The producer, director, author and company ought to be paralyzed for putting out such rubbish.

Before dinner, the Commandant of the Ile de France, an attractive [redacted] officer, had a cocktail party in his suite - the Vaniers, M. Schuman, Jacques Dumaine, the Belgian Cabinet officer, the French Deputy and his wife, etc.

Early to bed.

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Saturday, March 24, 1951

Another calm, mild day, but overcast. Had a talk with Maurice Nègre of AFT, with Archinard of NBC and others this morning. This is an excellent sea-boat, and the human atmosphere [redacted] joyful.

We saw the "Naked City" with Barry Fitzgerald at the movies this afternoon. It was well done.

I haven't slept [redacted] much in years. Read a lot of reports today and, for relaxation, Jean Giraudoux's "Le Couvent de Bella".

[redacted] little gossip from the outside world in the ship's news, except that the rail strike in Paris has been settled.

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Sunday, March 25, 1951

Easter Day. Presents of chocolate Easter eggs from the Chef, flowers from Pierre Lazareff and several others. A beautiful sunny day with a calm sea. It seems odd not going to Church, but there are no services aboard except Mass. The passengers are slept out, and there seem twice as many people [redacted] as when we sailed. As on all ocean trips, barriers of shyness are beginning to break down, and one is constantly stopping to shake hands and pass the time of day with newly met acquaintances.

E. and I are deep in revision of George Washington and John Adams.

This evening we had a cocktail party for the Taits, Lazareffs, Jean Dessès, Tita Mendenhall and her cousin Mrs. Wyckoff, Mr. Oreck and others. The movie to-day was entirely comic although it was meant to be tragic - Erroll Flynn in a tale of New Orleans in 1860; the plot [redacted] so fantastically unbelievable that the audience howled.

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Monday, March 26, 1951

Another day of comparative tranquillity at sea and on board.

I talked to M. Schuman in his cabin this morning. He dwelt particularly on the additional demands for trained officers and non-coms de Lattre is making for service in Indochina, and upon the disposition of the Cabinet to grant this application. In such case, the ten divisions promised by France for Western European defense may be reduced this year to seven, the remainder to be furnished in a delay of several months.

The news from Paris is better; the large strikes have terminated.

We went to a lunch given by M. Marie, President of the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, in his private dining room. Caviar, Turbot dieppoise, steak, salad, soufflée potatoes, cheese, fruit, layer cake and an assortment of wines did credit to the ship's cuisine.

While E. had her hair washed, I watched a ping-pong tournament, and then signed the Ile de France's

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golden book, with a few sentimental sentences.

Signs announce that no dogs, cats, or birds are allowed to be transported in the cabins, but dogs at least seem generally allowed in them. There is one delicious two months old black poodle who appears each day in the small bar wearing a red woolen turtle-neck sweater.

This afternoon's movie "Justice est Faite" was superb.

To-night we went to a huge dinner given by Commandant Cailloce, the ship's Captain. The high quali of the food was only exceeded by its quantity - the menu filling an entire closely printed page. I sat between lovely Odette Pol Roger and Mme Monin, wife of Deputy Monin. The climax of the meal was when a bevy of chefs in white aprons and tall white bonnets came down the staircase into the dining saloon bearing great platters of delicacies surmounted by elaborate spun sugar flags and other adornments in various colors. The portly head Chef advanced as the spearhead of this phalanx and presented for President Auriol's

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inspection a super-dish in which a huge lifelike Gallic cock strutted above a map of France composed of paté de foie gras.

We then went to the Grand Salon for a gala evening for the benefit of widows and orphans of the French Merchant Marine. George Vanier made a fine speech. Jean Paul Archinard of the National Broadcasting Company was master of ceremonies. He introduced Yvonne Sheffer, who recited poetry [redacted] prettily, Dale and Rod Strong who danced spiritedly, and Veronica Martell who juggled in a [redacted] superior fashion. The next act was that of a terrier, Nino, "the wonder dog", who balanced on huge balloons, did flip-flops, and in other respects excelled humans. Jean Dessès ran up a becoming dress in no time, [redacted] composed of a table cloth and a black scarf, on one of the passengers.

Afterwards dancing broke out. Balloons were liberated and exploded, a free-for-all throwing match followed the distribution of cotton balls. M. Schuman was seen pelting the dancers with these missiles. I

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have never seen him enjoy himself so much. The President and Mme Auriol were the souls of gayety and abandon. It was a magnificent party, and all hands were thoroughly happy.

Tuesday, March 27, 1951.

We are creeping along in a calm sea, on a cold sunny day, well ahead of schedule. The dreaded equinoctial gales have never eventuated.

Julian Street Jr. came to see me this morning.

We lunched to-day with the Auriols in their Versailles suite, with the Vaniers, M. Schuman and Jacques Dumaine. The President in cracking form and telling many amusing political anecdotes. We finished about 3.30 and went to the movies to see "The Best Years of their Lives" with Myrna Loy, Frederic March and a good supporting cast. Immediately afterwards I became involved in some photographs for Match with Messrs. Auriol, Schuman and Vanier. We passed Nantucket Light at 5.45 p.m. and are now coasting toward New York.

About seven, the Lazareffs, Vaniers, Paul Auriol [redacted] and ourselves met at the President's invitation in the Grand Salon for a round of drinks.

George Vanier and I worked out a list of tips that

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we each ought to give for ourselves and wives:

Table Steward $20; Head waiter $5; Assistant Head Waiter $5; Cabin Steward $30; Cabin Stewardess $5; Boots $3; Elevator man $3; Special man of President Auriol $10; Deck Steward $2.50; Lift Boy $3; Library man $5; Sommelier $5 and several page boys etc.

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Wednesday, March 28, 1951.

At 8.30 this morning - and a clear, sunny morning it is - we drew to a halt off Quarantine. Grover Whalen, tanned and flushed, clambered aboard with a police band of seventy-two persons who ensconced themselves on the Sun deck. Innumerable journalists and photographers swarmed everywhere on the decks, hatchways, smokestacks - if there had been any rigging they would have depended from it like monkeys. In view of stories of his sartorial past, it had been expected that Mr. Whalen would be wearing a cut away, striped trousers, gray top hat and an orchid in his buttonhole. Instead, he was almost soberly attired, a bright blue shirt being the only departure from a rigid business dress.

President and Madame Auriol were in top form. They were snapped, televized, microphoned, interviewed, autographed and everything else. She, always attractive and well-dressed, was agreed to be a "honey", while he fetched nothing but praise for his affability and high good

humor. Ambassador Bonnet, and French Embassy and Consulate personnel in force had come on with Whalen, as had General Harry Vaughan, General Hall, Jack Simmons of the Department of State protocol and others. We were all sluiced down with champagne about 11 o'clock. I did a short television piece with the ship's reporter, and about 11.45 we streamed on to the pier, whence a motor cycle escort conducted us through streets thinly populated with people curious at this sudden - unpublicized - matinal excursion to Pennsylvania station. At 12.30 we were comfortably concentrated in President Truman's attractive private car, a legacy of the Roosevelt administration, armor-plated, cement floored, with windows proof against a 30-30 bullet. Old Fashioneds and Scotch were served with [redacted] promptitude, and followed by a sound lunch. The Auriols (husband, wife and son) General Gossin, Jacques Dumaine, the Bonnets, E. and I were present.

The arrival in Washington was exciting. President and Mrs. Truman, Miss Margaret Truman, the Cabinet

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officers and wives, and a few score of reporters greeted the French visitors in the station reception room. We then drove slowly through streets lined on both sides with files of Wacs, Waves, soldiers, sailors, marines, Annapolis midshipmen, West Point cadets, paratroopers, tanks and jeeps to a jerry-built stand opposite the old Washington Post building, where the District authorities presented M. Auriol with a key to the city. Some speechmaking occurred, before the trip was resumed through more soldierly files to Blair House. Along the way, thousands of French and American flags (distributed free for the occasion) fluttered, usually in the hands of schoolchildren. Banners with M. Auriol's picture hung high on buildings, an amazing number of bands played national and other airs. Arrived at Blair House, where the Auriols are to spend the night. Old Fashions and fruit juices were passed around. Finally, we went off with Alice and Dean to their house in Georgetown, where we are staying, with little time to spare before putting on gowns and tail coats for the dinner given by the Trumans for the Auriols at the Carlton

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Hotel. It was enjoyable at the end President Truman pinned a large Legion of Merit star on President Auriol, who was pleasantly surprised and affected almost to tears. The toasts were short, and there was little lingering after dinner.

Home to the Achesons', and a night cap of Deans brilliant and witty conversation.

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Thursday, March 29, 1951

Up and ate bacon and eggs with [redacted] zest. Dean and I walked down to the Department, [redacted] then commenced a day fractionated by a variety of tasks. Lunched at the National Press Club to hear M. Auriol deliver a [redacted] effective address. Engaged all afternoon in various Department offices, including a session in the Secretary's with M. Schuman (into which Sir Oliver Franks entered for a while) on the Four Ministers' Conference.

Back with Dean just in time for a drink, and to dress for the dinner given by the Achesons at the Larz Anderson House (Society of the Cincinnati) for the Auriols. Not only was the dinner excellently arranged in every respect, but Dean made quite the wittiest, gayest, most graceful speech imaginable, reducing his audience to convulsions of laughter. Auriol, [redacted] apt in phrase himself, responded in kind. One, except for the formal dress of all present, forgot this was an official dinner. Dean is really unique in the flexibility with which he turns his truly

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extraordinary mind from grave to light subjects, with perfect ease.

We asked Averell to be godfather to young Nicholas, and to our delight he accepted.

To bed late to-night, [redacted] pleased with life.

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Friday, March 30, 1951

Up at 7.15 a.m. [redacted] drizzly day. M. Schuman came to Dean's office at 8.45 and discussed the Middle East, Indochina, and, briefly, the Four Ministers meeting.

Saw numbers of people this morning, including Bob Blum, here from Indochina. Dean kindly blew me to lunch at the Colony Restaurant on La Salle Street. He is a wonderful companion, giving the impression of not having a care in the world. Of course I ate Shrimps Norfolk.

This afternoon much colloquy over the Deputies meeting in Paris; Gromyko came up to-day with several new, bright, and nasty ideas. M. Schuman returned to the Department at 6 p.m. and was briefed on the military situation in Korea.

To-night a huge dinner at the French Embassy. President and Mrs. Truman, the Cabinet, Averell, General Bradley, the Lovetts, the Auriol party and others. The tables loaded with huge silver candelabra, silver-gilt dishes, and lace napery brought by President Auriol from Paris. Both Presidents made long toasts, and the occasion passed off [redacted] harmoniously [redacted] even gaily. I sat between Mrs. Snyder

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and Alice Acheson, E. between Dean and John Snyder.

After dinner, several thousand guests came in for a reception held in a huge tent erected in the garden, and M. Auriol shook hands until 1.30 a.m.

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Saturday, March 31, 1951.

Walked to the Department with Dean this morning. Various meetings about Deputies' Conference, Paris, Schuman Plan, French reserves of gold and foreign exchange, etc.

Lunched with George Perkins at Metropolitan Club - Chincoteague oysters, club sandwiches, and buttermilk.

Walked to Georgetown, called on Kay Halle, came back to the Achesons', and for the first time since arriving had a bath and fully unpacked.

To-night E. Alice and I went to the Boston Symphony Concert (with M. Munche conducting) at Constitution Hall. Both Presidents attended. At the conclusion, Auriol received a spontaneous ovation which gratified him.

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Sunday, April 1, 1951.

Alice, Dean, E. and I motored down to Bill Pawley's place at The Plains, Virginia, for lunch. He bought it about eight years ago from the estate of Mother's friend Mrs. Fairfax Harrison. It is called Belvoir. When I last saw it, the house was dilapidated and the grounds unkempt. Now it is in perfect shape, and Bill has added a 14 acre lake, and many other improvements. The Foreign Ministers of the American Republics were there with their staffs; [redacted] a huge buffet lunch, [redacted] unsuccessful fish[redacted] for bass, [redacted]. On the way back we passed the usual feature of an American Sunday afternoon on the highway - car smashes with in one instance a couple of dead laid out on the side of the road.

E. and I went to the James' for cocktails and then to the Fosters for dinner. Averell was also there and we had a talk about ECA financing of the Schuman Plan, to which Averell and Bill are [redacted] sympathetic.

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Monday, April 2, 1951.

Went to the dentist this morning and heard the sad news I must have a tooth extracted. The offending molar has lost contact with its opposite number in the upper jaw and [redacted] become a complete drone.

Thence I joined Alice and E. in the House of Representatives Chamber to hear President Auriol address a joint session of Congress. This he did with great success. We went from there to Union Station to see the French party depart from Washington to New York. M. Auriol had fever, but despite that was in his usual gay mood, as was his charming wife. I hated to leave them - they are such a transparently genuine and attractive couple, and their visit has been outstandingly successful. Alice, E. and I took lunch at Hall's.

I tried to call on the Virginia Senators, but they were not in their offices or the Senate Chamber. I then churned around in the Department and got back to the Achesons just in time to get ready for dinner at the Ellistons, with Joey, Herbert, E. and Kay Halle. Herbert has been clamoring

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for Dean's resignation. I attacked him fiercely on that, and we bellowed at each other for several hours. I am devoted to Herbert - he is like no one else, great talent, great heart, abounding with vitality and intellectual curiosity. His convictions are strong, as are some of his prejudices. He admires Dean but thinks he must go as Secretary of State. I emphatically disagree with this view. It seems to me that at least now he is almost irreplaceable. Nobody else has the ability to cope with the Soviets [redacted] as brilliantly or successfully, aside from his other extraordinary endowments. Staying in his house is a delight, for as a conversationalist he is really remarkable. In spite of the savage criticism to which he has been subjected he appears entirely unruffled.

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Tuesday, April 3,1951.

Walked to the Department with Dean and Justice Frankfurter.

Went to ECA headquarters this morning, and talked to Bill Foster, Dick Bissell and Paul Porter about the Schuman Plan. We are in accord as to the desirability of helping the High Authority, if and when constituted, financially.

I called on Matt Connally at the White House. He said [redacted] President Truman had a [redacted] favorable impression of Auriol and [redacted] I could relay this to the latter upon my return to Paris.

Went to see Bill Boyle, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. We talked generalities. I stopped to see my dear friend Don Shepard at my old office on Jackson Place.

Lunched with Jim Webb in his office, and we conversed at considerable length about the Department's organization and a variety of questions most interesting to me. He is a man of [redacted] attractive personality and the finest character.

Barry Bingham came to see me this afternoon. What a

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charming man. I asked him if there were any chance of getting him back into government, and to my pleasure he said there might be. I passed this on to Dean and Jim Webb.

I had a [redacted] afternoon with Newby Walmsley, Ridge Knight, Carl Humelsine and others.

Dean, Alice, E. and I had cocktails with Sybil and Jamie Bonbright in their excellent new house in Georg town.

We had a delightful dinner at home with the Achesons.

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Wednesday, April 4,1951.

Moving day. We shifted baggage, including a huge Christian Dior cardboard box containing one evening gown, to Kay's. At noon we set out on a Convair plane of American Airlines for Lynchburg, via Richmond. The flight took an hour and a half, and another hour by motor to Staunton Hill. It was thrilling to get there. The daffodils - and thousands of them - are in full bloom. The japonica is out, as are all our dwarf fruit trees. Mr. Tarry and his men have done a superb job of thinning in the woods around the house, and the hilltop has a parklike aspect. The temperature is about sixty. The dogwood has not yet bloomed.

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Thursday, April 5,1951.

Up at ten o'clock. We had been very late to bed each night in Washington, and I was drugged with sleep.

Long walks to-day, unpacking of things sent from Paris, a single meal in mid-afternoon; delight at seeing well remembered objects and views; unadulterated happiness; much reading, and midnight before one realizes it.

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Friday, April 6, 1951.

A lazy morning, but, as usual on a farm, lots of lazy work to do. I once had over ten thousand acres here, I now have 26 or 27 hundred, but the problems presented by the smaller acreage seem as great as those occasioned by the larger. Perhaps it is because of the ever increasing paper work required by the tax authorities, both Federal and State. Not a sparrow can fall to the ground here without my having to report it in triplicate for use on some inventory or other.

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Saturday, April 7, 1951.

Walked to my grandfather's old store and back. The Angus cattle - about 250 in the breeding stock - looked in good condition. All our fruit trees, including the dwarf varieties, are in full bloom. We have no more sheep, they having been killed by foxhounds, or sold as a result of such attacks. Sunny weather, South wind, temperature in shade about 65 degrees. I have been drinking 1935 Moselles, somewhat old but still agreeable, especially the Wehlener Sonnenuhr, the Erdner Pralaat, and the Zeltinger - all Ausleses, and bought years ago through Frank Schoonmaker. We usually have two meals when we are alone at Staunton Hill - a late breakfast and dinner about 3 p.m. There is only one riding horse left - Fawzan - a white Arabian gelding, now over twenty years old, given by the Emperor Ibn Saud to Mr. Charles R. Crane, from whose son, Richard, I obtained him. Have been reading Sumner Welles' "Seven Decisions That Shape History", and Harold Lamb's

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"Suleiman the Magnificent", as well as dipping into a variety of other books.

I walked down to the Grove at Coles Ferry Road. Mr. Tarry has been offered $300. for the trees remaining (after the whiskey barrel people had bought all suitable for their purposes). He wants to accept and use the proceeds to clean up and turn it into a high pasture.

All the fences and farm buildings (with two exceptions) have been painted this year or last year. The machinery repair expenses are still too heavy, but otherwise I think affairs here are well conducted. Our cattle are worth at a minimum $200. apiece. With my land sales of the last two years we have only barely enough uplands for grain raising sufficient for our cattle feedings. Almost the whole of the lowgrounds are now in grass. Previously out of ten years we lost the corn crop in seven from freshets. There was another freshet last week, but the flood quickly subsided

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leaving little damage.

The real wealth in this part of the country, aside from tobacco, of which I have only a seven acre allotment, is in cattle and timber. Unfortunately, the latter has been scandalously hacked - except for my property there is practically no good merchantable timber in the country, and the lumber mills are now cutting what twenty years ago would have been contemptuously called "sticks". Also, except here, there has been little reforestation, although with Government and State help this is comparatively inexpensive. It is sickening to see how the cutting is done in these forests - stubs, bent trees, nothing over six inches in diameter left, and the earth littered with tops, and debris, ready for a spark to start a devastating fire. Carelessness, waste, and lack of neatness are everywhere evident.

To-night it has started to rain.

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Sunday, April 8,1951.

Noon. It is still raining and has been doing so uninterruptedly since 9 p.m. last night. I have made dozens of notes for Mr. Tarry and Jamie - ranging all the way from calling attention to overgrazing on two pastures to lopping dead branches off trees in the grounds. Around the fish pond, Leonard has been busy wrapping the bases of fruit trees with pages from the Saturday Evening Post, a device calculated to keep the rabbits from girdling the trees. This year for the first time, the Chinese cherries have bloomed.

We took a long walk in the rain. This afternoon the Chermsides from Charlotte Court House, the Morrell Clarkes from South Boston and the Harwell Darbys (Record-Advertiser of South Boston and Halifax) came to see us.

Read the biography of my former friend, F. Scott Fitzgerald, titled "The Far Side of Paradise". What varied talent and what a waste of it. He could do everything well except order his own life. He was strikingly

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handsome, almost hysterically gay, a brilliant conversationalist, unsure of himself, and as a result always trying to attract attention by some reverberating demonstration.

Averell called me to-day from Washington, and kindly asked us to stay with them upon our return. But we had already arranged to be with Kay.

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Monday, April 9, 1951.

Dick Bissell telephoned this morning from Washington. I shall go to see him as soon as I get back.

After twenty-four hours of rain, the sun is out. I have been using DDT on the crawling and flying things in the two wine-cellars.

Liz and Murray Forbes arrived this afternoon on their way from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Boston. They are a grand couple and we had a high time this evening with a magnum of Chateau Lafite 1934, a bottle of Niersteiner Orbel Beerenausle 1934, and one of M. Chabanneau's marvelous 1865 Fine Champagne.

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Tuesday, April 10, 1951.

Liz and Murray left this morning. We were consternated by a telephone call to-day from George Perkins saying that Phil Bonsal had telephoned from Paris saying [redacted] it would be highly desirable if I could return there by Friday of this week. I assume this has a connection with the Schuman Plan meetings [redacted] due to commence on Thursday. We have therefore arranged to leave for Washington to-morrow, and I will telephone from there to Paris and see what this is all about. The telephone connections here are so abominable [redacted] it is useless to try a transatlantic call.

I am upset over a call from Nelson Slater in the course of which he told me he had lately suffered a lung hemorrhage.

This afternoon, Harwell Darby of the Record-Advertiser of South Boston, came over to interview me. I thought his questions about France, rearmament, etc. were [redacted] pertinent and I enjoyed our talk. He brought with him a photographer, Mr. Chandler, who did some shots of us and of the place.

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It is so sad to leave here now. All the fruit trees are in brilliant bloom, and the pink and white dogwood, the wistaria and the lilacs will be fully out within a few days.

I have been over masses of notes with Mr. Tarry, and we have agreed upon a farming campaign for the next twelve months.

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Wednesday, April 11, 1951.

Telephone calls from Washington and New York. Insistent that I return at once to Paris, so I am trying to get seats on the TWA to-morrow from New York.

Left Staunton Hill this afternoon by Lynchburg plane. Went to Kay Halle. Visited Prospect House, now being used as a guest place by the Government. It is Jim Forrestal's former home and is for sale. It is somewhat larger than our own house in Georgetown. We went to see Dean Acheson - it was his 58th birthday and we celebrated briefly. It was only this afternoon that we knew of the President having dismissed General MacArthur. This was good news. It was the necessary and right decision so to assert the authority of the civilian Executive Branch of our Government over the decisions of a military field commander.

Dick Bissell came to see me before dinner.

To-night Kay had a dinner for the Ellistons, the Barnie Criles (Her sister and brother-in-law) Bill Wharton and Averell. Needless to say there was much

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discussion of MacArthur. I went to bed at 2.30 a.m.

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Thursday, April 12, 1951.

This morning at the State Department. Deep discussion, especially with Dick Bissell and George Perkins over the possibility of ECA helping to finance the High Authority of the Schuman Plan if the Plan is finally ratified.

We left at 1.15 by American Airlines for New York. I had a brief talk in the morning with George White about my business affairs. Buck Crawford met me at the airport on the same subject.

At 5 p.m. we departed on a TWA Constellation with 42 other passengers from La Guardia. We stopped to refuel at Stephenville. There were no couchettes and I read most of the night.

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Friday, April 13,1951.

We were a couple of hours late, and arrived at Paris about 3 p.m. Paris time. Phil Jessup, Phil Bonsal and others were at the airport. Tommy came to see me about the Schuman Plan - the meetings of Ministers of the participating countries opened to-day with Chancellor Adenauer present. I had a telephone conversation with Jean Monnet and went to bed at 7.30 p.m.

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Saturday, April 14, 1951

Jean Monnet and Tommy came to see me at the house this morning about the Schuman Plan. Yesterday's meeting passed off satisfactorily as far as atmosphere was concerned. It was the first meeting and Adenauer had come down to Paris for it. However, the Belgians have introduced some troublesome demands for changes in language which might vitiate the anti-Cartel articles. Also, the Benelux countries, and possibly Italy, may insist on having each country entitled to representation by one of their nationals on the High Authority, which would strike directly at the principle of the supra-national nature of that Authority. Most important of all, however, is the decided difference of opinion between the French and the Germans as to how the Saar shall be brought into the Plan. The Germans do not recognize the present government of the Saar, or the convention between that Government and the French Republic under which the French handle the foreign affairs of the Saar. They are therefore adamantly

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against Schuman signing on behalf of the Saar.

McCloy called me this morning and said that if the Germans cannot get satisfaction on this point it would be impossible for Adenauer to sign the Treaty as German public opinion is at the boiling point in this connection.

I saw Tom Robbins, President of the Hewitt Robbins Rubber Company, briefly at the office. He is on his way to the annual International Rubber Conference at Rome. Bill Stoneman came to see me to discuss the MacArthur affair. Phil Jessup, to our great pleasure, is moving to the house to-day. The Conference of Deputies to draw up an agenda for a possible Four Ministers meeting has now held sessions over a period of six weeks and the end is not yet in sight.

I went with Phil [redacted] a lunch which M. Parodi was giving at 78 rue de Lille, the old Beauharnais Palace, formerly the German Embassy. The others were Messrs.

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Davies and Allen of the British Delegation, Gromyko and his Balkan expert of the Russian Delegation, Guy de la Tournelle and de Margerie of the French Foreign Office. At lunch, Gromyko and his colleague were [redacted] agreeable. The former speaks fluent English. After lunch we had a long and inconclusive conversation which led nowhere.

I went to see Chancellor Adenauer at the Crillon to-night. He explained to me his great difficulties with the French over the question of the Saar and stated categorically that he could not sign unless this matter were settled satisfactorily. He had with him his interpreter von Herwarth and Messrs. Halstein and Blankenhorn. The Chancellor is [redacted] impressive - a man of about 75, granite faced, hard and intelligent.

The news came late to-night that Mr. Ernest Bevin had died in England. He was quite a remarkable man with a strong personality and very John Bullish in type.

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Sunday, April 15, 1951

Monnet and Tomlinson came to the house this morning and we resumed our talks of yesterday.

I went to see M. Schuman at noon. He told me of a formula [redacted] he had devised which he was hopeful would settle the Saar question with the Germans. The Saar would not be mentioned by name in the Treaty, but would be covered by a phrase to the effect that the Plan would include all European territories the foreign affairs of which were carried out by one of the signatory nations.

E. Phil and I motored down to Versailles for lunch. There we were joined by Chip, who had arrived this morning from the United States, Avis and Mrs. Thayer, Bill Tyler and Ed Barrett and his wife who had flown over this morning from London. I had a long talk with Ed about the USIS.

While lunch was going on, Messrs. Halstein and Blakenhorn arrived to express their consternation over the terms of M. Schuman's proposal to settle the Saar question.

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Mr. Halstein felt it was entirely unacceptable and that the Saar must be covered by specific reference to it in the phrase "La Saar y compris". Chancellor Adenauer had not yet seen M. Schuman's note on the subject. He was at Chartres viewing the cathedral. They left at 3.30 to try to find him and arrange for him to have a conference with M. Schuman before the Ministers' meeting again at six o'clock to-night.

At midnight the Ministers were still in session so I had no further news on this subject.

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Monday, April 16, 1951.

The Schuman Plan negotiations look better to-day and I think that there is good reason to believe [redacted] they can be terminated successfully.

I went to Madame Dupuy's funeral at 11 o'clock at the Church of Notre Dame de Grace on the rue de l'Annonciation. There was a beautiful but [redacted] long service. The flowers were magnificent, [redacted] the music excellent. Before the family arrived for the ceremony, there was quite a social gathering. I was introduced to the Princesse de Parme, Madame de Mouchy's sister, who occupied a special velvet chair placed in a strategic location so that she sat in profile to the people in the church. On the other side of the catafalque were three more velvet chairs tenanted by myself, M. de Dellfier, representative of the Prince of Monaco, and my old friend the Count de Rohan Chabot. The last was attired [redacted] his usual elegance; suspended around his neck was an elaborate enamel papal order and there was a suspicion of frills at his

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throat and waist. He is a most charming and agreeable old gentleman. There was a Master of Ceremonies, placed between us and the Princesse de Parme, whose sole duty appeared to be to notify us to stand up, sit down and kneel. This character was habited entirely in black, wore a sort of white stock and black stockings with pumps and brass buckles. He was [redacted] and helpful. A number of beadles similarly dressed and carrying long staffs paraded about, striking the pavement from time to time in unison.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the four of us in these special seats shook hands with each member of the bereaved family. It was really a magnificent and also a touching ceremony.

This afternoon I was busy with a variety of questions.

E. Phil and I dined together to-night and afterwards E. and I went to see Marcel Achard's play "La P'tite Lilli" with Edith Piaff in the leading role. It is a musical comedy, vastly popular [redacted]

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The news to-night on the Schuman Plan remains good.

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Tuesday, April 17, 1951.

I recorded a speech this morning for the National Broadcasting Company on the French attitude toward rearmament, etc.

Phil, Chip and I had lunch with General Eisenhower and General Gruenther. General Eisenhower is dissatisfied with the lack of speed and enthusiasm of the European rearmament program. We had quite a discussion as to how a greater sense of community and cooperation could be brought about. Personally, I feel that there must be a stronger assertion of American leadership, coupled with multi-lateral arrangements rather than the existing bi-lateral negotiations between the US and its various partners in NATO. The General is certainly a most attractive and dynamic man and fills one with a sense of confidence.

Jean and Jacques Dupuy came to see me this afternoon about their mother's estate. This matter, which has occupied the attention of the Embassy for five years,

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may have been settled by Madame Dupuy's death. Apparently she held only a life interest in the properties and consequently no American interest may remain in the affair.

We spent a great deal of time to-day working on a cable to the Department trying to state in general terms and in layman's language the reason for the controversy now raging with the French over the allocation of the 200 million dollars of MDAP assistance, which the US Government had undertaken to make available before June 30th. The implementation of this program has bogged down. It is entwined with bureaucratic red tape. The feeling of the French on the subject is [redacted] bitter, since they think [redacted] the US Government has deliberately violated its solemn commitment made in the October talks.

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Wednesday, April 18,1951.

We spent a good deal of time again on a cable to the Department about the financial assistance based on the October agreements to be extended by the United State to the French Government in connection with the French rearmament program. Members of MAAG, ECA French Mission and the Embassy feel [redacted] the fundamental issue [redacted] involved is that the Department and ECA, having formulated a definite policy, obstacles on the technical level have so vitiated it as to render it in large part inoperative.

Phil Jessup, Chip and I had lunch at Benoit on the rue Saint Martin.

I saw Harold Callender this afternoon as well as various people in the Embassy and ECA.

To-night E. Phil and I had dinner together. Our nurse has gone to England for several days to be present at a serious operation on her aged aunt, and E is left with the entire care of the children.

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Jimmy Riddleberger saw me this morning and I read the speech [redacted] he proposes to make in Munich to-morrow night when the ECA celebrates its "Europe Train". He thought he ought to clear it with me, especially in view of the MacArthur episode! Meanwhile, at home, General MacArthur seems to be meeting with [redacted] most enthusiastic receptions. It is quite amazing that a general, relieved of his command by the Commander-in-Chief, should be met at the Washington airport by the highest officers of the army and navy to give his views publicly to the Congress.

Mr. Preston Forbes and Mr. Prosterman of the Department of Commerce called on me. They are travelling around Europe officially, their chief interest being in Trade Fairs.

George Bijur, after a three-year wander jahr said goodbye to-day. He is going home and resume his advertising business there. He is a remarkably ingenius

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fellow. He had just concluded some vast deal to expedite the export of honey from Greece to the United States. He told me that in the early thirties he had made a trip to Russian Georgia to see whether he could locate a small tribe, supposed to be descendants of the Crusaders, who still wore chain mail. After infinite difficulties and delays in the course of which he learned a smattering of the local language, he found this tribe inhabiting a remote mountain plateau. They were about two hundred strong, stunted from in-breeding, entirely pastoral in their habits, unable to read or write, but the men were indeed wearing chain mail with red crosses on their chests, although in religion they were all Mohammendans.

I went to lunch at Willing Spencer's house on the Boulevard des Invalides. E. could not come as she had to look after the children. The Jays, the Riddles, Dr. Fraser of the Library, Mrs. McCreary from San Francisco, and several others were there.

I had a satisfactory talk this afternoon with

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Doug MacArthur about the Eisenhower organization.

Then I saw Eldridge Haynes, publisher of "Modern Industry" who for some years has been active in the National Management Council and is currently President of it. The Council has a contract to assist the ECA in its technical program.

Robert Ryan, the Associate Chief for Foreign Service Personnel, came in. Then I saw Jean Monnet. He [redacted] kindly said that, without the firm assistance given to the Schuman Plan principles by the United States, they never would have arrived at a final signature by governments. He wants shortly to have a talk with Jack McCloy and myself about how the European nations might soon press forward toward greater political unification provided that the prospects for final ratification of the Schuman Plan by parliaments appear promising.

To-night we dined at the Allens and went to see the movie "Sunset Boulevard". This was a benefit for the

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Comité Américain de Secours Civil, of which Julian

is President and I am Honorary President.

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Friday, April 20,1951.

I went to Phil Jessup's staff meeting this morning. No progress was made yesterday at the meeting of the Four Deputies. Admiral Carney called me from London. He is [redacted] disturbed at the refusal of the French Government to agree to the technical accord reached between United States and French navies about facilities for the US Government at Port Lyautey. We are going to try to undertake to have the French Government set up a committee where all parties in interest will be represented and where a speedy conclusion one way or another might be reached.

Dr. Heilperin of the International Chamber of Commerce came to see me. I had [redacted] C.D. Jackson for lunch. He is [redacted] bright and imaginative. He has now assumed the executive direction of the Committee for a Free Europe. I think it an admirable appointment.

I saw Bob Bowie who had come down from Frankfurt. He has been the wheel horse in the whole Schuman Plan affair. We talked about it and the European army.

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Lloyd Brace and Orson Adams of the First National Bank of Boston called. Then I saw George Carey, my old friend who has been in CIA for several years and is now on his way home, after his eleventh or twelfth trip around the world. He rode up with me to the Palais Rose where I attended a maddening and fruitless session. Gromyko did not budge from his previous position.

Howard Sturges came to see me about his collection of [redacted] drawings. About half of them are in New York, and he has had discussions with John Walker concerning their ultimate disposition. He wondered, in case of an emergency, or if he were away from Paris for a considerable time, whether it could be arranged to store them at the Embassy. Since he will probably leave them on his death to the National Gallery, I told him unofficially that I would put them in my private vault.

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Saturday, April 21, 1951.

Woodie brought in Bill Mitchell who has replaced George Brownell as Legal Adviser to the US Air Forces. We talked about the base problems in Morocco and metropolitan France.

Colonel Richardson, our observer [redacted] on the Military Committee of the European Army Conference, Paris, told me of the developments since I went to the United States. The position of the Germans and the French on the size of units does not seem to be reconcilable. In my opinion, the conference is going better than had been expected. There are many complications and difficulties which must be solved, but in view of the great importance of further steps toward federation in Europe, I sincerely trust [redacted] a satisfactory result achieved.

Mrs. Ogden Reid of the Herald-Tribune came in with Walter Ker[illegible]is afternoon. We had a long talk.

Phil [illegible], Jean Monnet and myself speculated on questions to do with the federation of Europe.

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[redacted] Pauline Potter had dinner with us.

Since E. was looking after the children, Phil and I went on at 9.45 to the fine house on rue de la Faisanderie used by the Soviet Embassy for its trade fairs. Members of the various delegations to the Deputies meetings, as well as a large number of Soviet Embassy personnel, had been invited to see some Soviet movies; one of the cartoons of the Walt Disney type was superlative. There followed a movie embodying a good deal of propaganda on the life of the great composer Moujirski, who produced Boris Goudcnov. The composer was represented as having succeeded in establishing native compositions over the opposition of a reactionary clique headed by a grand duchess.

After the movie, there was an enormous spread of eatables, including caviar and smoked sturgeon, to say nothing of quantities of vodka and Crimean and Caucasian wines and champagne.

Ambassador Pavlov and myself had quite a bit of

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vodka together. He said it was compulsory for all guests to have at least two glasses but ambassadors at least three.

We got home about two o'clock.

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Sunday, April 22,1951.

E. was ill and stayed in bed. I read continuously on the subject of European federation, including Paul Reynaud's book just published in he United States which he sent me yesterday.

I had a long walk through Passy and the Bois and tried the experiment - which I do not wish to repeat - of eating nothing after breakfast. During the afternoon I was ravenously hungry, but by night no longer had any appetite.

I received last night from President Auriol a 18th century Sèvres cup and saucer of a particularly beautiful design in a red leather box with my initials on it as a souvenir of our American trip.

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Monday, April 23,1951.

This was our wedding anniversary.

Ed Martin came in this morning. He [redacted] over from London where he had been attending the Economic Counselors' meeting and [redacted] home [redacted] shortly.

Jim Nicholls of the American Red Cross visited me to talk about their preparations for servicing American troops in France. I had a talk with Oliver Harvey at lunch time. He is concerned about the unsettled condition in Morocco, and believes the sooner General Juin takes up his duties with General Eisenhower the better it will be for that local situation.

Phil Wagner of the Baltimore Sun and his wife came to see me this afternoon. He is one of the great wine growers of the United States, and has sent here three cases of his products which he is going to test with some of the leading French wine merchants. Former Governor Preston Lane of Maryland called on me. He is taking a rest. We discussed Maryland politics. He thinks

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~~That~~ Millard Tydings will not again be a candidate for public office. I had a talk with Art Stevens regarding the President's letter of about a month ago to Bill Foster which contemplates the blending of ECA country missions with the Embassies.

High Commissioner Donnelly was here from Austria. He is an attractive man. He told me of conditions there which are particularly interesting since it is the only area where quadrapartite cooperation exists.

Ham Armstrong has just come here from Yugoslavia. We talked for an hour and a half about various foreign policy problems. It is always interesting to hear his highly intelligent and well informed point of view.

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Tuesday, April 24, 1951.

I talked to Jack McCloy on the telephone this morning to try and get Ellen and himself to come down this week-end so that we could have a talk with Jean Monnet on the general subject of European federation. However, his official engagements [redacted] retain him in Germany, and he will try to stop here for a few hours on his way back to Washington about May 8th.

Cy Sulzberger, recently returned from the Balkans, spoke of the fact that the Greeks and Turks are having no exchange of views on a military staff, or indeed on a political level, about their possible cooperation in the event of Soviet armed aggression against either of them. We also talked about [redacted] ways in which US influence in the Eastern Mediterranean might be exercised. One way would be to have a special representative with ambassadorial rank, exercising supervisory and co-ordinating powers over our missions in that area, as is done by Malcolm McDonald for the British Government in South East Asia.

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General Richards came to see me this afternoon. He has just returned from a visit to North Africa in the course of which he visited the French army, navy and air establishments throughout that area. He was especially impressed by the quality of the French officers stationed there and by the great industrial and construction activity in Morocco.

M. Maurice Schumann, with two representatives of the City of Lille, came to ask me to attend their Fair next Wednesday, May 2nd. I explained to them the impossibility of leaving Paris at that time. I asked him what he considered the chances were that the Queuille Government might to-morrow be successful in the Assembly in the attempt to reform the electoral law and have elections on June 10th. He says [redacted] the situation is so complex that no prediction in regard to it has value.

Messrs. Birdsall and Johnson brought M. Pierre Bertaux to see me. Bertaux recently resigned as

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head of the Sûreté under political pressure. He is still carried on the government payroll but has no particular duties. It may be [redacted] he will be sent to New York as a French representative to the United Nations, but if so he does not intend to stay there indefinitely. He is full of interesting ideas and has been most cooperative with us at all times.

I had a further talk with Art Stevens about various personnel and organization matters, including the future relationship of the ECA French Mission to the Embassy. To my [redacted] regret, I understand that Henry Parkman has definitely decided to leave this summer and he may be replaced by Harry Labouisse.

To-night Phil Jessup and his [redacted] agreeable brother and sister-in-law came to dinner.

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Wednesday, April 25, 1951

Dean Beekman came to see me this morning about the American Students' Social Center on the Boulevard Raspail. He is engaged in negotiations with the Cardinal to extend the lease on this property and may want some help through government channels.

We had a lunch to-day at the house for the following: Hamilton Fish Armstrong, Comte and Comtesse Guy de Carmoy, Charles W. Chatfield, Ambassador and Mrs. Walter J. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Nat B. King, Myron Hofer, Martin Herz, Mme Georges de Latour, Mrs. Richard McCreery, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ridder, Mrs. Cecily Severne, Mrs. Shiverick, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Friendly, Richand Wheatland II.

At three o'clock, a meeting was held in the Wallace Library with Milt Katz, Henry Parkman, and a number of representatives from their establishments and from the Embassy, to consider what part, if any, the US Government should play in the European Agricultural Pool scheme. I think we will probably be asked at a conference which

Parkman and myself are to have with the Minister of Agriculture, M. Pflimlin, on Monday, to try to secure the blessing of the US Government for this project. It is not clear, [redacted], how it will shape up. The two important questions to determine are whether it will be calculated to establish a single market for agricultural products, and secondly, whether this would be done under the direction of a supra-national authority. Since some of the nations interested, such as the UK, are not participants in the Schuman Plan, and since the UK will not, I believe, under any circumstances surrender any degree of sovereignty to a central body, I am not sanguine of this program [redacted] coming - as was originally planned - within the framework of European integration. It was decided at our meeting that we would make no commitment in regard to it, and would not seek definite instructions from Washington until we could obtain more information as to what the participants really had in view.

At the Deputies' conference this afternoon at the Palais Rose, Gromyko was [redacted] insulting, and Parodi had to

bring the [redacted] to an abrupt close. Gromyko attacked the United States violently for its "aggression" in Korea, and said there would not be enough Korean soil on which to plant the white crosses over the graves of the American soldiers who would be killed there. He rounded on the British and accused Churchill of practically every crime.

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Thursday, April 26,1951.

The new Danish Ambassador, Mr. Ejnar Waerum, came to see me this morning. He has served in Paris before, and is as well an old hand at international conferences.

I had a long talk with Prescon Grover, [redacted] then we went to lunch with the Ambrose Chambers at their beautiful house at 23 rue Monsieur which used to belong to the Cole Porters.

This afternoon I was photographed with Mrs. Sturgis Riddle and Mrs. Isaac Doughton in connection with the charity drive of the Memorial Day Association.

David Schoenbrun paid me a long call and revived the cloak and dagger business in Switzerland and Italy which Paul Ghali has taken up with him a couple of times.

I had a talk with Ted Curtis who is making a rapid tour of Europe on Eastman Kodak business. It was fine seeing him but I was sorry to miss Agnes who is also in Paris.

Guy de Carmoy came in to tell me that he is under

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consideration as Secretary General for the NATO Council of Deputies. I think he would be a good selection.

We went to dinner to-night with Philippe and Ethel de Croisset. They have Clarence Dillon's apartment on the rue Barbet de Jouy. [redacted]. Margaret Chase, who had just been down in Spain, gave an account of Stanton Griffis, Bunny Duke and Nicky Biddle's social activities there. It sounded like great fun. I had a talk with Eve Curie who is [redacted] disturbed [redacted] over the political situation here. M. Queuille obtained his votes of confidence to-night, but the big test will come to-morrow on the passage of the electoral reform law.

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Friday, April 27, 1951.

I went to see Hervé Alphand this morning at the Foreign Office. He is spending half his time in Paris and half in London. We discussed the French political situation and also the various matters pending before the Council of Deputies in London.

Mr. L. J. Bosace of Idaho, a friend of Preston Goodfellow, called on me in connection with a claim [redacted] he has lodged at Saumur for about three hundred thousand alleged dollars, representing the loss suffered by him when his liquor establishment was seized at the commencement of the last war. I shall have to look into this case.

Wolcott and [redacted] Blair and Barbie Agar came for lunch.

I talked to Chuck Spofford this afternoon on the telephone regarding Guy de Carmoy's candidature for the Secretary Generaship of the Council of Deputies.

Madame Zline who has been with the State Department for 26 years is being retired and going to live in

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Huntington, Long Island. I presented her with an appropriate letter praising her services.

Ronald MacMillan told me [redacted] he is being transferred to the Washington office about the first of June. I shall be [redacted] sorry to see him go. He has been most cooperative.

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Bob Terrill and I discussed various special [redacted] matters.

M. André Bollack, [redacted] the publisher of "Information" and [redacted] of financial papers, came to tell me of his distress because none of his press representatives had thus far been invited by ECA [redacted] to join any French newspaper group for which arrangements have been made to visit the United States.

The vote in the National Assembly on the Electoral law was taken to-day, and M. Queuille failed by three votes to obtain the necessary majority of 311. However, President Herriot ruled that the matter could be reconsidered and

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the Bill brought before Parliament. M. Queuille nevertheless tendered his resignation to President Auriol who refused to accept it.

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Saturday, April 28, 1951.

Herbert Agar came to see me this morning. He is [redacted] interested in "Union Now", of which he is the representative in Great Britain. Ben Buttenweiser was here from Frankfurt. We talked over the European Army plan and German rearmament in general. He says that the situation in Germany is rapidly deteriorating in many respects and [redacted] feeling against the occupation forces is markedly on the increase. General Corniglion-Molinier came to ask my help in a visa case, and also to invite us to lunch next week at the Senate. Jacques and Jean Dupuy arrived for further discussion of the situation of their newspaper and other properties, which has for so long been harassing the State Department, themselves and the Embassy.

To-night the question of [redacted] Electoral Reform was brought up again. The Committee on Suffrage has protested certain amendments to the old Bill so [redacted] it will be introduced with a new number as a new Bill. The debate

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lasted until 5.30 on Sunday morning, and M. Queuille will pose the question on a vote of confidence on Monday night.

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Sunday, April 29, 1951.

E., Phil Jessup and myself went down to Versailles this morning and had a walk in the park. The Eisenhowers, the Gruenthers, and Mrs. Ogden Reid came for lunch. We discussed the advisability of strengthening the NATO so that our problems could be considered as a whole on a multi-lateral basis.

To-night Charlie Wilson, who had arrived yesterday, Andy Berding (his public relations officer), Perle Mesta, George and Marguerite Tyson and the latter's son and daughter-in-law came for dinner. I had a long talk with Charlie Wilson after dinner in regard to the various problems connected with military production.

I went to see M. Maurice Petsche this afternoon. We had a depressing talk. He is most concerned about what he expects to be a wide open inflation in France within a few months.

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Monday, April 30, 1951.

E. and I went to lunch to-day at the Jockey Club with the Chilean Ambassador, M. Fernandez. He had a [redacted] large party, including the Baronis. We arrived at one o'clock, sat down at the table at a quarter of two and got up from it at 3.30, at which point I had to leave.

Dr. Urey, the famous American physicist, came to see me this afternoon. He has just been on a trip to Greece, Egypt and Israel. He was greatly impressed by the vitality of the Jews and by their plans for [redacted] the development of their country.

At seven o'clock I went over to see the Minister of Agriculture, M. Pflimlin, with Henry Parkman. He wanted to talk to us about the European Agricultural Pool project which is to be considered by the member nations [redacted] of the OEEC and by any other European countries that might want to participate. Pflimlin would like the blessing of the American Government on this project. As he explained it, it did not seem to provide for either the [redacted] Simla area

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or the supra-national authority that were the distinguishing features of the Schuman Plan. After some discussion, Henry and myself said [redacted] we could not give an answer, but would consider the proposition and examine carefully into it.

We had dinner to-night with Pierre Brisson at the Café de Paris. Duff and Diana Cooper, the Burkhardts, Madame de la Rivière and a playwright were the other guests. It was [redacted] gay and agreeable, but we did not get to bed until 1.30 a.m. Brisson told me [redacted] he had seen President Auriol in the last couple of days. Auriol is gravely disturbed over the situation in Morocco. General Juin appears to feel [redacted] the Sultan must be deposed. If that is done, the Arab League would almost certainly bring the question to the attention of the United Nations. In that case, the US Government would find itself in a [redacted] embarrassing position since it probably would not side with the French. I imagine [redacted]

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[redacted] would adopt a neutral position. The British seem to be even more worried than do our people in Washington over this affair.

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Tuesday, May 1, 1951.

This is May 1st and a public holiday in France.

We had lunch with the Katzes; Charlie Wilson, the Gruenthers, Dr. and Mrs. Conant and Phil Jessup were there. I found the Conants charming and interesting. Charlie is leaving this afternoon for London and returning from there to the United States this week.

We have a flood of visa cases on our hands as a result of the McCarran Act. M. Parodi called me this afternoon to ask our intervention in favor of the application of one of the members of the French Atomic Energy Commission, who is held in some suspicion because of his friendship with Joliot Curie. M. Claudius Petit, the Minister of Reconstruction, is favoring the visa application of Le Corbusier, the distinguished French architect associated with the plans of the United Nations building in New York. The Maurice Chevalier case is causing considerable publicity. There is no question he was a collaborator during the war and has at times

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espoused [redacted] Communist doctrines. He is a signer of the Stockholm appeal. We refused him a visa last month to go to the United States and he is now in Canada making application there. The general opinion is that Chevalier is not a Communist by conviction or actually at the present time interested in the Party. He is weak and opportunistic.

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Wednesday, May 2, 1951.

Admiral Carney came over this morning from London with a group of his officers, and we discussed the difficulties he has encountered in connection with an agreement for the use of Port Lyautey. There will be a formal meeting on that next week.

I went to lunch at the Anglo-American Press Club and made a speech on the organization, functions, activities, etc. of the Embassy.

This afternoon I attended a meeting at the Palais Rose where the three Western Powers presented a proposal in three alternatives in a final effort to bring the Russians to terms. Gromyko answered scornfully and unsatisfactorily, but in view of the great importance of this proposition it is evident [redacted] his answer to-day means [redacted] little since he must seek instructions from Moscow.

We had a large reception at the house this afternoon, and to-night E. Phil and myself went to see "The Consul" at the Théatre des Champs Elysées. It was a wonderful

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opera, [redacted] sad, characterised by [redacted] fine acting,

and by the superb singing of Patricia Mewy.

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Thursday, May 3, 1951

This is a holiday - Ascension Day.

I went to the office this morning and afterwards lunched with General Corniglion Molinier at the Luxembourg with a group of a half a dozen agreeable French people. He took us through not only all the Senate rooms, but [redacted] the private apartments, including those used by Marie de Medicis for whom the palace was originally built. It is a huge structure, nobly proportioned, especially the grand staircase and the grand salon. He showed us one room which had been Marie de Medicis' swimming pool, - a fact that surprised me. I wonder if this is accurate. Perhaps the finest thing in the palace is a statue of Julius Caesar in marble porphyry and gilt, [redacted] given to Napoleon I by the Pope - perhaps under slight duress.

To-night we went for dinner at the Katzes. There were General and Mrs. Eisenhower, General and Mrs. Gruenther, General Handy, General Kibler, Chuck and Mrs. Spofford, Jimmy and Mrs. Riddleberger, Bill Batt, General and Mrs.

Schuyler, and ourselves. The men from London are here for an ECC meeting. After dinner, Mrs. Batt and Chuck played the piano and we all sang. We had tremendous fun.

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Friday, May 4, 1951

I went this morning with George Bell to the Foire de Paris and remained an hour at the American booth until it was inspected by President Auriol, who was in his usual good humor.

E. and I lunched to-day with Count and Countess de Castellane at 1 Place du Palais Bourbon. We had an amusing time with excellent company. Emily Terry, Marcel and Juliette Achard, M. Poulenc the famous composer, Marie Blanche de Polignac, Marie Louise Bousquet and Pierre Brisson were the others. The apartment is tiny but crammed with furniture and art objects relating to the de Castellane family. Amongst others, a fine portrait of Talleyrand as a young man and another of the Duchess de Vino, whose life I have recently been reading.

This afternoon, I saw Teddy White, then a sensible newspaper correspondent, Oliver de Wolf; next was Mr. Bennett Whipple of the Standard Vaccum Oil Company who has been making a tour of the world in connection

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with the security of their various installations.

Charlie Blackwell came in to discuss the local tax situation of his firm, J.S. Bache and Company.

We had a dinner of thirty to-night at the house with the following people: M. & Mme Mogens Tvede, Baron and Baronne Guillaume, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chambers, M. & Mme Carlos Celso de Ouro Preto (Brazilian Ambassador), General and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, M. Gaston Palewski, Mme Jacqueline Patenotre, M. Jean Don, Comte Robert de Billy, Comtesse Jean de Polignac, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bonsal, Mr. and Mrs. William Patten, Brigadier General and Mrs. O'Hare, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cleveland, Mrs. J.V. Forrestal, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Mayer, M. Bonnefous and Ambassador Philip Jessup.

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Saturday, May 5, 1951.

My old friend Blair Lee came to see me this morning looking as handsome as ever, the only seeming change being that he now has a thatch of white hair.

I went to an enormous lunch given by the Paris Chamber of Commerce on 27 avenue Friedland. This magnificent building was formerly the palace of Alfred Potocki. Almost all the ambassadors were there and many local dignataries. [redacted]

We went down to spend the night at Versailles.

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Sunday, May 6, 1951.

A beautiful day. The lilacs are out and there are a lot of pansies and daisies. The rhododendrons have been so severely pruned that they will not bloom this year.

Phil Jessup arrived about eleven and the three of us with the boys walked to the Grand Trianom and back. The Wolcott Blairs and the Trafford Klotzes joined us for lunch.

We returned to Paris in the afternoon, and to-night Bill Donovan, the Lees and the Klotzes came to dinner. Bill is going to Strasbourg to-morrow and from there to Arabia in connection with Aramco business.

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Monday, May 7,1951.

General MacCloskey brought in two of his new officers this morning to introduce them. The Air Attaché staff is now larger than it has been at any time.

This was a [redacted] quiet day at the office.

Mr. Melvin Smith, the commander of the American Legion Post, came to make arrangements about Memorial Day, and all work was cleaned up by six o'clock.

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Tuesday, May 8, 1951.

Julius Adler of the New York Times came to see me this morning. We had a long talk about the MacArthur situation. The Times has taken a strong position against MacArthur, primarily on the grounds that if his recommendations were followed a general war might be precipitated.

We have not yet received here the text of the Soviet note handed by Bogomolov to Allan Kirk yesterday calling for a conference of Foreign Ministers of Communist China, the Soviet Union, the UK and the US to deal with the Japanese peace treaty.

Doug MacArthur talked to me this afternoon about certain of General Eisenhower's problems in France.

I saw Robert Gorey of Time-Life who has been in Japan for the last four years. He said General MacArthur had created a godhead status for himself by seldom being seen in public except on his daily drives from his house to the office. Also, that he knew of only two occasions when the General had gone to lunch

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or dinner outside of his own residence. The Japanese like this aloofness.

John Gates of Steuben Glass talked to me about the exhibition they are to have beginning May 31st at the Musée des Arts Decoratifs. This will be the first time the French have seen Steuben's beautiful handmade and engraved glass. Jimmy Smith, son of Pauline Davis has just arrived and talked to me regarding the forthcoming conference at which the Navy will once more try to straighten out the question of bas[illegible]ghts at Port Lyautey. I do not think the US Government is handling this matter wisely. Some of them are too prone to regard Morocco as an occupied territory and express that opinion tactlessly.

Justin N. Locke, a staff photographer on the National Geographic Magazine, who was once with OSS, came to see me. He is going to spend six months in France, and has been making background photographs for articles in his magazine.

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Harvey Firestone, who had been at the International Labor Conference in Rome, called on me. He is an old friend, and his wife quite a famous collector of French china and silver.

I went with Red O'Hare to the VE day ceremonies at the Place de l'Etoile. It was an elaborate function with troops lining the Champs Elysées from the Place de la Concorde to the Etoile. President Auriol was, as usual, his genial self and shook a thousand hands. From there I went to the house where we were having a reception. The cast of "Le Consul" were there and a [redacted] charming lot of people they are. But the chief attraction was Sugar Ray Robinson, the famous colored boxer. He is a [redacted] Jamaican man, and is about to fight here and give the proceeds to French charities. He played the piano and livened things up. There were some French boxers as well, and amongst the three hundred people almost every phase of human activity was represented.

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Wednesday, May 9, 1951

I had a talk with Admiral Boone, and a [redacted] nice fellow he is, about the Port Lyautey conference. General Opie from Staunton, Virginia, the owner of newspapers there, came to see me with a letter of introduction from Senator Willis Robertson. The Trans Jordan Minister paid a call. He was educated at the American University at Beirut and I found we had several mutual friends. Mrs. Oswald Lord, the American delegate to one of the Welfare Committees of UN, came to see me.

We had lunch with Sammy Hood at 66 rue Pergolese.

We left Orly this afternoon at 4 P.M. and had a good flight of an hour and twenty minutes to Luxembourg City. There is only one airstrip there now, but the field is being extensively enlarged and should soon be excellent. Perle, Marguerite and George Tyson, Bertie Hoffman and members of the staff met us. We drove to the Legation which Perle, with M. Boudin's advice and assistance, has furnished [redacted] attractively. It is a

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medium-size house overlooking a grassy commons, and on one side commands a fine view over a valley onto forested hills. We drove around the city. It looks prosperous, substantial and dull. I had not seen it since 1944 and to my eyes it appears unchanged. The most attractive building in it is the Radio Luxembourg station. We drove past the railroad yards, where during the war the Germans had abandoned a whole train of household goods, pilfered by them when they quitted Paris. These Stacy Lloyd and I had descended upon, and selected badly needed items for the house he occupied in the city.

To-night Perle had a delightful dinner. There were M. Dupong (the Prime Minister), M. Besch (the Foreign Minister), the President of the Chamber of Deputies, the head of the Arbed Steel Combine, with their wives, and a good many other state and diplomatic officials. They were, without exception, [redacted] engaging and gay people. Messrs. Besch and Dupong have for almost twenty-five years been Prime Minister or Foreign Minister, posts

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which they take in alternation, whenever either craves a change. M. Besch is respected throughout Europe for his great ability; if the country he represents were not so small (about 300,000 inhabitants) he would be a dominating figure in the NATO. M. Dupong is also a man of force and character. Besch is brilliant and has a great store of anecdotes. He thinks the forthcoming French elections of the utmost importance to the future of Europe, but does not predict how they will turn out. He fears the anti-Communist parties may fall out between themselves and not succeed in forming a strong coalition cabinet.

Perle has a competent colored couple she brought over from Washington. Speaking of colored people, we have been receiving for weeks at the Embassy petitions against the execution of Willie McGhee, accused of the rape of a white woman in Mississippi. He has just beer electrocuted. According to some of the European newspapers he had been living for years with this white woman who had threatened him with an accusation of rape if he ever deserted her.

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At last he did so to return to his wife.

We got to bed late.

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Thursday, May 10, 1951.

Up at seven to a [redacted] satisfactory American breakfast. At eight we were loaded into cars and set out on the 75 mile trek to Nancy. By ten thirty we were seated in the Church of the Cordeliers, which I am told still belongs to the Hapsburg family. It is small, austere but lovely. It was an amusing conglomeration of people who had gathered for the wedding of Archduke Otto with Princess Regina of Saxe Menningen. He is thirty-eight, she [redacted] twenty-six. According to the local papers there were seventeen European princes, and heaven knows how many Archdukes, Dukes, Marquises, Counts, etc. - probably all the surviving Central European Almanach de Gotha outside the Iron Curtain Countries who had enough money to get there. I must say that on the whole they were not an inspiring looking lot. The German women especially looked inbred, vacuous and dowdy. However, some of the men - especially the Hungarians - were splendid physical specimens. A half dozen young Hungarians with

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white leather gauntlets, high black leather boots, and velvet jackets much befrogged, bearing sabres, formed a guard of honor. A couple of them wore wolf skin caps, the tails almost obscuring one eye, and giving them a fearsome appearance. Two other Hungarians were magnificently attired in [redacted] Burgundy-colored velvet capes. I sat between Jacques Dumaine and the Marquis de [redacted] who is in charge of American affairs at the Spanish Foreign Office. He surpassed all in gorgeousness of dress. His hat was a huge black felt surmounted by an aviary of white plumes. His scarlet coat, with colossal gold epaulets and gleaming brass buttons was slashed with the colors of many decorations. About half the church was occupied by Austrian and Hungarian people of modest demeanour and peasant dress, some of them, [redacted] and as the Jagers, wearing their provincial costumes. After an hour of waiting, the wedding procession came up the narrow aisle. Numbers of priests headed it, and finally Otto - looking quite handome -

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and his bride, wearing a beautiful Jean Desses robe, with an almost endless train borne by a half dozen attendants, her head adorned by an attractive diamond crown, made their way to the chairs facing the altar. The civil ceremony had taken place earlier, and this one was presided over by the Archbishop of Nancy and by Monseigneur Zagon, the Apostolic Visitor Extraordinary for Hungarian Refugees. The music and choir were behind the altar.

At the conclusion of the service, the Austrian, Hungarian and, I think, Bohemian national anthemswere sung. This was most affecting, since everywhere tears were rolling down the cheeks of Otto's countrymen and countrywomen. It was [redacted] moving and pathetic. As the bride and groom left the church loud "Ho's" were shouted to acclaim them. On the street crowds of people had waited to see and cheer them. The only discordant feature of the ceremony was provided by the swarm of photographers in the church who even invaded the altar

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where mass was celebrated.

From the church we all followed on foot, two by two, the married ones to the Place Stanislas by way of the Hémicycle and the Place Carrière. Every where en route there was something to remind one that Nancy was the cradle of the Hapsburg dynasty.

The rain had ceased and the sun came out as this leisurely procession of about a mile took place. We passed through packed masses, all in gala mood. The beauty and symmetry of Place Carrière and especially Place Stanislas are utterly satisfying.

The "Augustes Mariés", as the couple are termed, went into the Hotel de Ville, once the palace of Otto's ancestors, the Dukes of Lorraine, where they received the Austro-Hungarian nationals. Later they received the other guests in the salons of the Grand Hotel.

Meanwhile we had been wandering around, meeting all kinds of people in the Grand Hotel, amongst them the

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ex-Empress Zita - [redacted] sweet and motherly looking - the Luxembourg Grand Ducal family, Otto's brothers, etc. Otto had forgotten none of his American friends who were available. In addition to the Mesta party and ourselves, Isa Sidney, Mrs. Clews, Colonel Conrad (who had commanded the battalion in which his brother had served) were there.

The bride is good looking and buxom, with an attractive smile and manner. She is penniless as is Otto. They intend to live in Paris, and I assume he will continue his writing and lecture tours.

He is a really admirable man. Although I am not favorable to monarchical institutions, except in a few cases, he would, I believe, be a great king. The range of his knowledge and of his curiosity is altogether remarkable. His perfect ease in many languages, his seriousness of purpose, the impression of essential goodness that he creates, his freedom from all forms of snobbery, coupled with a perfect sense of private dignity,

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his natural interest and familiarity with the social sciences, his own experience of frustration, poverty and exile, the unusual nature of his education and upbringing would distinguish him anywhere and in any company.

I am glad [redacted] we went to the wedding, which none of the other diplomats did. It was unique, and all the more so because of its simplicity, and the evident devotion which had brought hundreds poor and shabbily dressed loyal adherents to the Hapsburg cause from all over Europe to attend it.

We left in the afternoon by automobile for Strasbourg, a hundred miles away. Wonderful forage country between Nancy and Strasbourg. We stopped a few minutes to see the Chateau at Lunéville where King Stanislas held his little court. It is surprisingly beautiful architecturally, with a shapely garden. It looks entirely deserted, most of the glass out of the windows, and beseeching restoration.

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We arrived about eight at the Maison Rouge Hotel, and had a good Alsatian dinner at the Restaurant Valentin Sorg.

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Friday, May 11,1951.

We started the morning by going to the Place de la Cathédrale. The red Alsatian stone so generally used in the Cathedral and other public buildings is slightly hard in tone, but the city is fascinating,with everywhere reminders of [redacted] medieval past. It is also a great center of gastronomy and bibulousness. Never have I seen so many restaurants, cafés, brasseries, bistros, taverns and bars, or shops more laden with paté de foie gras, tempting curlicues of sausages and other piggeries, fish, flesh, fowls and bottles. We were magnetised into an antique shop on the Cathedral Square, and left it the owners of an odd assortment, including porcelains, a white Alsatian stove, a couple of walnut bedside tables, a Louis XVI. brass-bo[redacted] mahogany commode, a 1697 brass tobacco box, and a few trinkets.

At noon we visited the Consulate and met everyone there. It is well situated in an adequate, rented building,

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which is to be replaced by one now under construction for [redacted] our Government. George Andrews met us there and we were delighted to see him and Nannie. E. had known them in Japan, and I had lived next to Nannie and her family at Ruxton.

We lunched on asparagus, Rhine salmon, and kidneys at the Maison Kammerzell.

This afternoon we attended a meeting of the Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly, with M. Spaak in the Chair. They were debating a motion to invite the US and Canada to send observers to the September meeting. A rather foolish and boring British labor delegate was insisting that the British Dominions, especially Australia, New Zealand, India and Pakistan should receive similar invitations. There were three resolutions or motions before the house, and finally they were referred back to committee.

I had a talk with Bill Donovan in the Bar.

Afterwards, the Andrews most hospitably and kindly had a cocktail party for us at their attractive house. We saw some old friends, such as Diana and Toto de Lesseps, Henry Hopkinson, Cosmo Russell, and met numbers of interesting people, including Harold MacMillen. Bill Dunbrae was there, and most of the consular staff.

We got back to the hotel after nine o'clock, stuffed ourselves with charcuterie, and other local specialities. Then to bed.

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Saturday, May 12,1951.

Rose at eight and took off from the grass airport at 10 a.m. Strong tail winds. An hour and twenty minutes to Orly. David Nes met us and I went to the office.

This afternoon Jean Monnet came to see me and we had a long talk about Western European Federation and the prime desirability of incorporating Western Germany im it.

E. and I spent the night at Versailles.

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Sunday, May 13, 1951.

Walked in the Versailles Park this morning, - E., Phil Jessup and I with the boys who yelped with joy over putting up some partridges.

Marie Louise Bousquet and Phil for lunch.

Spent night at Versailles.

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Monday, May 14, 1951.

Woodie came out to Versailles to fetch me this morning and I saw M. Moch at his office at 8.45. He had wanted me to attend a ceremony at Rheims on Thursday of this week when the US Government will turn over fourteen jet planes to the French Air Force. Since I have to be in London on this date, I arranged with him [redacted] for Chip [redacted] to represent the State Department. I covered quite a wide range of other subjects with him, including the exercise by the French Government of certain decree powers which might be used in connection with NAT projects in France. He seems quite certain of his own re-election as a Deputy from the Toulouse area at the polls on June 17. He thinks, however, [redacted] the formation of a new government will be [redacted] difficult because of the additional representation [redacted] he expects the de Gaullists to gain and which he estimates will consist of between 120 and 140 seats.

Messrs. Moore and Pallister, the Foreign Service

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inspectors, who will spend about three months going over the various activities of this Embassy, came to see me this morning.

To-day is a public holiday in France - Whit Monday - but I was busily occupied with office affairs.

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Tuesday, May 15, 1951.

We left this morning at ten o'clock for London by plane. As has been the case throughout most of this month, the weather was harsh and rainy. We were stacked up over London for an hour or more, but finally arrived in the afternoon at Nancy Lancaster's house at 18 a Charles Street. She is away [redacted] in the country.

We had dinner to-night at Buck's, and afterwards were joined by Rex and Leslie Benson and Arthur Choate of Clarke Dodge & Company. Rex, a Conservative, is [redacted] gloomy about the political outlook in England. He thinks the Labor Party may hang on by an eye lash for some months before there is a general election. Meanwhile, in the pre-election atmosphere, little constructive can be accomplished.

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Wednesday, May 16, 1951.

I left the Embassy on Grosvenor Square at 8.30 this morning for Winfield House in Regents Park. This house was given by Barbara Troubetzkoi for the residence of American ambassadors in England, but has never been used as such. It is a [redacted] large modern structure of no architectural distinction, but placed in superb grounds. There were a hundred to a hundred and twenty representatives of [redacted] American western European diplomatic missions, members of MAAG, members of ECC and their staffs, and the country ECA missions. Chuck Spofford presided over the meeting. There were also representatives of various government agencies in Washington. The discussions were [redacted] interesting and educational and lasted with a break for lunch until late in the afternoon.

We went to dinner at the Giffords at 14 Princes Gate. The guests of honor were Prime Minister Atlee and his wife. She is quite attractive and he [redacted] a lively birdlike man.

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Thursday, May 17, 1951.

I went back to Winfield House this morning and repeated yesterday's schedule. The day was fully occupied with constructive discussions.

To-night we had dinner with the Spoffords at Claridge's. I saw some old English friends there, particularly Lady Reading, Lady Astor and Tedder Slessor, Marshal of the Air Forces.

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Friday, May 18,1951.

We beat up London in the morning on a shopping tour. There have been three advances in shoes and clothing this year and prices are [redacted] high. Shoes at Peal's are sixteen pounds and suits at Huntsman fifty-five pounds. We left immediately after lunch for the airport with John Kelly, stopping on the way in Fulham at Crowther's, a garden ornament place, [redacted]. They have a vast collection of lead figures, gathered as a result of the break-up of English country places.

We left the London airport in good style and arrived in Paris in time for a late dinner with Phil Jessup whose negotiations [redacted] are not progressing [redacted] satisfactorily.

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Saturday, May 19, 1951.

Messrs. Boykin and Elliott, of the American Security team which is examining, in concert with the British and French, security measures in the three countries, came to see me this morning.

I had talks with various people in the office, and then saw Senator Nixon of California who is here for two days.

Woodie and I had lunch together at the Mont Blanc and he told me of [redacted] developments in the recent conversations on Port Lyautey which are making some progress.

To-night we went down to Versailles.

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Sunday, May 20, 1951.

Phil arrived this morning as did Sasha. We had a walk in the park. The Gerards and the Denny Johnsons came for lunch. We returned to town in the afternoon and I met Phil and Tommy. They are [redacted] concerned over the action of the French Parliament yesterday in reducing the military budget. It seems [redacted] the Government is angry at the cut down in ECA economic aid and will send us a strong letter of protest this week.

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Monday, May 21, 1951.

I went this morning to the Lafayette ceremony at the Arc du Carrousel. Tony Biddle was there with an American army platoon. There was the usual wreath laying, review of the Garde Républicaine and the American soldiers, and the playing of the two national anthems. Afterwards we adjourned to the Hotel Saint James & Albany and had a Vin d'Honneur, in the course of which several speeches - including one by myself - were inflicted on the guests.

We lunched to-day with the Marquis and Marquise de Ganay at 59 rue Saint Dominique. The Otto Bembergs, the André Poniatowskis, the LaGranges and others were there. This is a beautiful house with fine pictures and furniture and a superb library M. de Ganay inherited from his famous aunt, Madame de Béhague.

Colonel Beebe from General Marshall's office came to see me this afternoon. We talked about the rearmament program. Dr. Lowrie and Mr. Beckleman,

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representing the various relief societies in France, called to discuss plans for the evacuation of their personnel in the event of war.

Mr. Charles E. Dunbar, with a letter from Bob Murphy, came to see me. He is an officer of Engelhard Industries, the largest dealers in precious metals. A German company, in which they had a 23.75% interest, had on hand at the conclusion of the war a million dollars worth of platinum which was confiscated by the French in the French zone. They are now trying to get it back and a great many difficult legal points are involved.

I had a long talk with Phil Kaiser, Assistant Secretary of Labor, who is here for the Labor Attachés' Conference.

We had a great deal of office business to-day. The admission of Greece and Turkey to the NATO has met with no favor from the French Government. It will be brought before the Deputies Council next week.

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To-night, Jacqueline Obendorf, E., Phil and I had dinner together and went to see Sugar Ray Robinsom fight Kid Marcel at the Vel d'Hiver. Sugar Robinson is a magnificent boxer and after four rounds of sparring slugged into the Kid during the fifth round. He had him hanging on the ropes and his manager tossed in the sponge.

We went back to Jacqueline's house for [redacted] a bottle of champagne. She is attractive and amusing.

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Tuesday, May 22, 1951.

I attended a meeting of the Labor Attachés who are congregated here from our [redacted] European posts. I made quite a lengthy exposition of the present situation in France, - political, economic and social.

Louise de Vilmorin came to lunch with us at the house to-day. She has been until recently desperately ill with pneumonia and is leaving this afternoon for Switzerland. She is a marvelous conversationalist.

Madame Merias-Mensch, President of the Federation of Votes for Women and President of the National Federation of War Widows, called on me to expose her grievances about the infiltration of Communists in all French government departments and particularly their operations within the War Widows organization. She was [redacted] steamed up over this.

Winthrop Aldrich came in and as always I enjoyed seeing him. He is going over to England shortly to talk to Churchill and other Conservative Party leaders to try

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to explain to them, as a private American citizen, the feeling at home about the British recognition of the Communist Chinese Government, and the British attitude toward Formosa. He, like everyone else, is gravely concerned over the affair in Iran.

Heyward Hill, the new Consul at Marseilles, seems a [redacted] nice [redacted] fellow. At one time he had been stationed at Jiddah. In that dreadful climate, the representatives of American business firms are comfortably lodged, but not the American Consul. Mr. Larkin on a rapid trip there had selected for the [redacted] American Consul's establishment the only spot of land which, because of its coral formation, would be unsuitable for building.

Paul Ghali of the Chicago Daily News came to see me upon a matter [redacted] we had previously discussed. It relates to the activities of Colonel Dolman, formerly ADC to Hitler. A short time before the Russians captured

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Berlin, the most secret documents of Hitler, packed in 18 cases (including the 1939-1940 correspondence between Hitler and Stalin) were, according to Dolman, shipped to Marshal Kesserling at Bolzano. Six cases, supposedly including for the most part correspondence from admiring women to Hitler, were left off at Innsbruck in the care of a faithful Nazi [redacted]. The other twelve arrived in Bolzano the day of Kesserling's surrender. Dolman took charge of secreting them but delegated this duty to a German soldier, named Walter, a stone mason, who, with the assistance of another stone mason named Klein, walled them up in Bolzano caves. Dolman is now trying to locate them and has made two secret trips to the place where they were buried which is now within the grounds of an Italian military hospital. He has also located Walter and expects to make another [redacted]. Ghali was responsible with Allen Dulles for securing the Ciano Diaries through Edda Mussolini. He thinks [redacted] the

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American Government, through one of its agencies, could usefully associate itself with this attempt to discover the alleged buried papers. I have consulted some of our people here on this matter and we will see what can be done.

A variety of subjects have been under discussion in the office to-day, including the Port Lyautey arrangements for the U.S.Navy, the French Atomic Energy Commission, the French elections and propaganda schemes of many sorts.

E. and I stopped to-night at 41 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré to see a short newsreel of Otto's wedding. We then went to the dinner of the Société des Gastronomes at Prunier's, over which I presided. Presiding does not mean anything at these affairs - as far as I can gather it is a nice word for being the guest of honor. This Club is composed of forty members and its rules are the same as those for the Académie Française. One of the new members admitted on this occasion and who had

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been responsible for inviting us, was Gilbert Remy.

He was [redacted] the new tenant of the so-called "chair"

of Horace, the Roman poet. He delivered a long and witty

discourse, larded with Latin quotations. It was really

a remarkable effort and should be printed. The menu

was in Latin, the food excellent and included some

dishes such as sow's teats, of which the old Romans were [redacted] fond, but which

are almost never seen on modern tables. It was a [redacted]

memorable occasion.

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Wednesday, May 23, 1951.

I stopped this morning to see my tailor Mr. Zeff and try on some clothes. Prices of flannel suits have advanced almost forty percent over what they were a year ago. This results from the [redacted] the increase in price of wool and cotton.

John Carter Vincent, formerly Minister to Switzerland and now Diplomatic Agent in Tangier, is shortly going to his post. We had a long talk about the problems he will encounter in Morocco. Chuck Spofford came in to see me. He has agreed to the appointment of a Frenchman as Chairman of the Defense and Economic Board under the NATO. The French have proposed Jacques Rueff as their candidate. The British have objected to Rueff on the ground [redacted] he is too much of a "liberal economist".

I know Rueff fairly well and think highly of his abilities, He is an ardent exponent of the free enterprise system and it is for this reason that the British are unwilling to accept him, although they

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may come around to it.

I had a lunch to-day of twenty for some of the people who are here attending the Labor Attachés Conference. Amongst others I was [redacted] glad to see Mike Ross and also met for the first time Victor Reuther, [redacted]

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Mac Goodman came to talk to me about some of his outside scientific investigations.

M. Fernand Heusghem, who runs the Cercle Interallié and was once on Marshal Foch's staff, discussed with me the basket ball league [redacted] he runs near his home in the red belt of the Paris suburbs. He also said the Cercle Interallié would be delighted to give a party for Miss Truman if she so desired.

Raoul de Lubersac called on me to explain his side of the case [redacted] pending in Paris against his son. It has been brought by a young lady in Arizona who was married to the son when the latter was under

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age. The marriage was annulled but the child - a daughter - was legitimatized by a procedure in French law. Various American congressmen, including the two senators from Arizona, have interested themselves in this case, and the boy is being sued for a large amount of money in the way of alimony, etc. It is a [redacted] involved matter and we have had an observer from the Embassy present at all the court proceedings. According to the elder de Lubersac, his son is somewhat defective mentally and impotent physically, and could not, he contends, have been the father of this child. Whatever the facts may be, I think it almost certain that the plaintiff will win the suit for the support of the child, but as the son has no money whatever the court may judge [redacted] the amount asked is excessive.

Chester Beatty is staying a few days in Paris. He came to see me this afternoon. He has recently recovered from a sharp bout of pneumonia and is in his usual good spirits. I was as always delighted to see him.

We had a big reception at the house this afternoon.

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Jack McCloy telephoned me this morning about the banning of the so-called Democratic Party in the Saar. This is apparently a neo-Nazi organization and the German and Paris papers are full of comments on it. [redacted]

On May 9th, M. Schuman wrote a letter to Mr. Hoffman, head of the Saar Government, [redacted] restating the French position that the French Government at the time of peace negotiations will sustain the thesis of the political independence of the Saar vis-a-vis Germany and of its economic union with France. Meanwhile, Mr. Adenauer has made an intemperate speech on the subject, the terms of which have been denounced by the Quai d'Orsay as being regrettably unfounded and inopportune. Mr. Schumacher as usual is fanning the flame.

Ridge Knight came to see me this morning with Mr. Pitman. We had a long talk about European rearmament.

I had a conversation with George Bell regarding Clarence Brooks. His health has not improved as

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rapidly as it should. I do not believe [redacted] he will be able to resume work here and eventually he will be assigned to another post. His heart is badly affected and the whole thing extremely sad as he is a splendid fellow.

We had a lunch for twenty at the house to-day.

This afternoon Colonel Beebe stopped to see me on his return from Germany and we discussed the European Army idea as well as the Bonn talks regarding the contribution of German forces.

John Peter Thelen once with OSS told me of his imminent departure to Finland where he will make a short visit. He is still trying to become connected with General Eisenhower's headquarters.

Ralph Straus who has been in charge for OSS of promoting exports from Europe to the United States called to say goodbye. He is [redacted] anxious to have Mr. Kennedy, the Treasury Customs Agent here, continue his

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activities of explaining to European exporters American customs regulations and practices. I heartily agree with Straus in this regard. It seems the difficulty is one of Treasury appropriations.

Six children of the ages of twelve downwards came with their mothers, grandmothers and sponsors, to be photographed with me. They are going to Cincinnati [redacted] shortly by air on a Franco-American friendship trip which I believe is being financed by an organization of American women.

I went this evening to the general meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce and delivered a lengthy speech.

To-night, E., Phil and I had dinner at the Méditerranée. Between the proprietor who gave us a bottle of champagne on the house, and the sommelier who fished out of the dark recesses of his cellar an odd looking Norman apple juice which he apparently makes himself, we got off to a good start for the rest of the evening. We went to the Théâtre de Dix Heures

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where there was the usual witty performance. We then went to "La Nouvelle Eve", one of the most popular half nude shows in Paris. Next we stopped at Monseigneur, where the wonderful orchestra was in top form, and finally went to hear Jean Rigaux sing at his little club.

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Friday, May 25,1951.

Phil Kaiser came in to see me this morning, [redacted] then I had a long talk with Jim Smith about [redacted] the Port Lyautey negotiations concerning which Woodie has kept me thoroughly informed. It looks as if the French would present this afternoon their final proposal. Jim will take it back to Washington and attempt to get agreement upon it.

The Greek Ambassador, M. Raphael called. He is [redacted] pleased at our move to include Greece and Turkey in the NATO.

I saw General Pretelat this afternoon. He was General Gouraud's deputy in the first World War. He wants to try to get a position for his daughter lately divorced from an American officer.

Eric von Stroheim came to see me. He is having passport difficulties. He is Austrian by birth, but naturalized many years ago in the United States. He says [redacted] he can only occasionally get parts in Hollywood but

[redacted] in Europe his services are much in demand. Primarily, however, he seeks an extension of his passport on the grounds of having cancer of the prostate. He has been under treatment for some years by a French doctor in whom he has confidence.

Loren Carroll came in. Newsweek is closing its Paris office and he is going to shift over to USIE, probably with Chuck Spofford in London.

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Saturday, May 26, 1951.

After spending the morning in the office, we picked up Count Toni Apponyi and Nelson Slater. We went to Versailles for lunch where we were joined by [redacted] and [redacted] de Talleyrand.

Apponyi inherited all of the objects collected in Paris by his ancestor, Rudolph Apponyi, whose Journal in four volumes of his life at the Austro-Hungarian Embassy is one of the best things on the period in Paris from the 1820's to 1848. He said that amongst these things was a great deal of Louis XV. silver. Everything has been taken by the Russians and he is living in Lausanne. I asked about the fate of the place of his cousin, Prince Esterhazy, up near the Austrian border. This was a copy, and not much reduced in size, of Versailles, with the gardens laid out by Lenôtre. It was built shortly after the French Revolution and was famous for its sixty thousand volume library, its Chinese porcelains, tapestries and a [redacted] amount of furniture bought at the famous Versailles post revolutionary sales at the gate of the Chateau. It was occupied by

the Soviets [redacted] for six months. When the occupying Soviet [redacted] marshal left, all moveables in the chateau were put in the courtyard and set afire. The fire lasted for two weeks. Esterhazy himself was given a fifteen year sentence at the time of Cardinal Mindszenty's trial.

In the afternoon, Mary Laska came to the house [redacted] with her stepson and stepdaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Black of the Inland Steel Company of Chicago. Albert Laska was ill and could not accompany them.

Sunday, May 27, 1951.

Alan and Lydia Kirk, Mary Harriman, Virginia and Brose Chambers and Sacha came to lunch at Versailles.

We returned to Paris to spend the night.

Monday, May 28, 1951.

Alan Kirk, Phil Jessup, Chip and Bromley Smith came in this morning to talk about the present impasse at the Deputies conference and the possible advisability of my seeing M. Schuman about it.

Francis Taylor of the Metropolitan Museum told me about the many interesting thins he is doing, especially in [redacted] art circles toward a closer association between Americans and French [redacted] He is a most stimulating man.

Red O'Hare brought General Crittenberger in. He had a [redacted] fine record during the war and is now in command of the New York area, - a four star general. We had a satisfactory talk about the build-up on the continent.

Mr. John Robinson told me about the present status of the Coty International case. I got hold of Richard Smith and informed myself of the State Department interest in it.

General Richards attended the army maneuvers in

Africa last week and is enthusiastic about the spirit of the French officers and soldiers there.

David Nes and I had lunch at Meyrenerie's on rue Rambuteau which, like all the market restaurants, features fish, [redacted] sausages [redacted] and other pork products.

I telephoned General Handy this afternoon at Heidelberg to see if we could not obtain coordination between the Embassy and Eucom on the French pipe line affair. As always, the General was [redacted] helpful and we will get this worked out.

Bill Donovan came to see me. He is just back from a trip to Saudi Arabia in the course of which he picked up some interesting intelligence.

The new Cambodian Minister to Washington called, and John Utter and I had a long talk with him. He seems an [redacted] alert young man.

Ronald Aggson with a letter from a United States Senator came in, hopeful of obtaining a government

position. He is over here on the G.I. Bill of Rights studying French at the Berlitz School.

Ambrose Chambers called to talk to me about certain maneuvers which have come to his attention in connection with the French electoral campaign.

General Collins who is here for a few days described his recent appearance on the witness stand in Washington. I read his testimony and thought it first class. He is going to have a look at the American troops stationed in various parts of Europe.

Mr. Leo Lippe, who is engaged [redacted] on some [redacted] secret business connection with the acquisition of former Soviet [redacted] and German war materiel, came in.

The papers are filled with news about the forthcoming elections. The Gaullists have only affiliated in twelve places and prospects for confusion are regrettably numerous.

We had a dinner at the house to-night for:

Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Railey, the Australian Ambassador Sir Keith Officer, Mrs. Ector Munn, the Luxembourg Minister M. Funck, Princess de Bitetto, Baron and Baroness Elie de Rothschild, Prince and Princess Shavchavadze, Marquis and Marquise de Paris, [redacted] and Mrs. George Garrett, Duke and Duchess Pozzo di Borgo, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Armour Jr., Prince Poniatowski, Major Walter Lees and Ambassador Jessup.

Tuesday, May 29, 1951.

I called on the Danish Ambassador this morning at 77 avenue Marceau.

Guy Mollet, President of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, came to lunch with me, as did Dick Eldridge. Mollet is the single greatest factor in the French Socialist Party. He expresses himself easily and well, and is fairly optimistic about forming another Third Force government after the elections. He said [redacted] the recent action of the Party in dismissing Moch from the Executive Committee would not impair Moch's position at the elections or thereafter as a loyal party member. This action was taken in protest against Moch's over forceful presentation of his personal point of view, which was somewhat at variance with party principles, at their congress a week or so ago.

[redacted] John Gates came to see me in connection with the glass exhibition at the Louvre in which Steuben Glass is to be exhibited. He wanted to consult as to whether

it would be appropriate for his company to present a large bowl to President Auriol when the President visits the exhibition next week. Raoul Boyer came to see me and we talked wine. Jimmy Burden wished to know whether there was any way to shorten the period of waiting under French law for the marriage of a foreigner. After more than fifty years as a bachelor he is about to marry Mrs. Walker from Richmond, - an attractive woman whom I met later in the afternoon. In France there is a requirement that residence on the part of a couple intending to marry must have lasted for at least thirty days. The bans are then published and another ten day wait is necessary. I promised to give him more information on this point later to-day after I had consulted a lawyer.

We had a reception at the residence to which we had invited all the members of the Cercle du Demi Siècle. There must have been over a hundred and fifty of them present; many of them brought their wives and children. It is an interesting club, and no two members

are [redacted] drawn from the same business or profession.

I went directly from there to the Students Center where I made a speech to the Men's Club of the Pro-Cathedral, Bob Solborg being in the chair in place of Henry Parkman, the President, who was absent. This was more or less a repetition of what I had said to the Anglo-American Press Association regarding the organization and functioning of an American Embassy abroad.

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Wednesday, May 30, 1951.

We went this morning to the Pro-Cathedral, accompanied by the Service attachés, to the Memorial Day service there. The orchestra of the Garde Républicaine was on hand, as well as prelates of churches of every denomination in Paris. It was a beautiful ceremony. Afterwards we went to the Arc de Triomphe where I laid a wreath.

This afternoon, with Red O'Hare and General MacCloskey we attended the services at Suresnes Cemetery. President Queuille and myself were the principal speakers. I was deeply distressed to be told by M. Queuille that he had just received news of the death of General de Lattre's son, Bernard, in Indochina. He had been killed while leading a Vietnam detachment against the Vietminh. Young de Lattre was 23 years old and was badly wounded at the age of sixteen in the European campaign, in which he conducted himself magnificently. It is especially sad since he is the only son, and had remained in Indochina almost two years beyond the normal span of service.

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M. Queuille also told me [redacted] he did not think [redacted] the Communists and de Gaullists would together win more than 240 seats in the forthcoming election.

We had dinner to-night at the Australian Embassy at 7 Boulevard Jules Sandeau. There was an excellent magnum of 1924 Chateau Margaux.

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Thursday, May 31, 1951.

We flew over to London this morning, taking Sasha with us. She was [redacted] enthusiastic about staying with Jim and Ashley.

This month of May has been one of the rainiest in French history, as a result the grain crops especially will probably have a yield considerably below normal.

To our surprise, the weather in England to-day was perfect - quite cool but the sky cloudless. We went to stay with the Clarkes at Albert Court.

I had a talk with Chuck Spofford this afternoon and later he and myself visited Mr. Gifford to go over a telegram from the Department suggesting that small sub committees of the Congress which will deal with the Foreign Assistance Act should immediately visit Europe. Chuck and I feel that on balance more good than harm would be accomplished by this as the members could better familiarize themselves on the spot with what is planned than would be the case if they remained in Washington.

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As far as visits to France are concerned, I would greatly prefer [redacted] they not take place before the elections on June 17th.

After Chuck left, Mr. Gifford talked to me regarding the burden of his social obligations in London and particularly as to how they interfere with his work. He had hoped it might be possible to cancel the Fourth of July entertainment this year, but he has now decided to go ahead with it. He has tentatively figured that this expense will about represent his entire entertainment allowance for the fiscal year.

We thought that this winter, if we are both still at our posts, we might talk to some of the other ambassadors and have a new look at this whole question of [redacted] Fourth of July celebrations in 1952. There have been a good many complaints from individual American citizens that it is in bad taste, especially at the present time, to engage so publicly in what the natives of the various countries sometimes regard as ostentation.

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To-night E. and I went to the Antique Dealers' annual banquet at Grosvenor House. There were from 350 to 400 people there. I was the guest of honor and made a long speech. It was a [redacted] jovial occasion and I found myself constantly digressing from the manuscript. Mr. Norton, the outgoing President and Mr. Agnew who is to take over from him also spoke. My speech was as follows: (Without Digression)

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Mr. President , etc..:

Our century has been marked by an impressive multiplication of conveniences. But this advance has been accompanied by a deplorable decline in the pursuit of civilized pleasure.

The poetry of the table has fallen into disgrace before the Spartan doctrines of the raw vegetable diet. Canard aux oranges gives way to preserved foods, Romanée-Conti to carrot juice.

Love, in the hands of psychiatrists, has become an anxious obsession, the occasion for scientific analysis rather than a natural source of delight. All about us appear social aberrations; the diminution of intense interests, the descent of a fog-like taedium vitae over our cities.

More men have "leisure" than ever before, but how many know what to do with it ? Masses of our contemporaries have fallen prey to the most redoubtable of spiritual diseases: the accidia of the Fathers of the Church; the morne ennui of Baudelaire; the creeping boredom of modern man which leaves the victim listless and uncaring, yawningly in search of devices for killing time and consciousness --- Liquor or sleeping pills; going for a ride or going to the movies; the anesthesia of the loudspeaker or of the video screen.

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But there is no trace of such boredom here. That is one of the reasons why I am so glad to be with you tonight. There is not a dull eye, not a listless stare in the house. Doubtless, the collector's eye stays bright because he always remains on the lookout---for a book of hours lost since 1704; for specimens of early English silvers; for a forgotten Gainsborough; for a first edition of Bacon.

Doubtless the collector's gait remains swift and sure over the years because of the pleasures of the chase. (It really doesn't deeply matter <u>what</u> collectors hunt for. As in other forms of passion, the object itself is often less important than the pursuit of it.)

And you obviously possess, all of you, a keen appetite for living, because you are really interested in something, because you have maintained that vitality, that sense of individual difference which is the essence of humanity, which explains why collectors generally live long and flavorfully, and why the cancer of boredom rarely attacks them.

For as Robert Louis Stevenson once observed: "It is perhaps a more fortunate destiny to be born with a taste for collecting shells than to be born a millionaire".

I speak to you as a collector to other collectors, although ....

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although I am fully aware that the sensible professional dealer should shun the fatal seductions of collecting as sternly as the good professional barman shuns taking a drink while on duty.

Yet even the most hardened antiquaire can fall victim to collectionitis, and as the disease progresses his willingness to sell automatically declines.

It strikes me, after having observed a number of cases, that the good dealer inevitably becomes infected with the desire to possess, becomes as irrational, and as enslaved as the most smitten of his clients.

You all know the story of the London dealer in engravings and etchings who, upon inheriting a small fortune, "that day locked his door for the rest of his life, and sat like a miser among the prints he no longer needed to sell ."

But even more piquant, perhaps, is the case recorded by Thorndike of the Harvard Librarian whose love of book collecting made his profession a long martyrdom. The continual circulation of "his books" was a cross almost too heavy to bear. But one day the impossible happened, the daydream of the librarian-bibliophile nearly came true. "Every book belonging to the library is on the shelves except one", he exulted, "and I am going to see

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that Professor Child returns that one immediately!"

Only the real collector can understand the profundity of his emotion.

It was with a real emotion that I came to London today to attend your banquet. First of all, I was moved by the prospect of passing an agreeable hour with those who are devoted to what they are doing. And, more important, I wanted to seize on this occasion to express my gratitude to the many British dealers whom I have known over a period now of many years.

For the past three years, since I have been in Paris, I have assiduously frequented your cross-channel colleagues. And in their shops, I have felt something of the thrill that animated old Richard de Bury, who wrote, centuries ago:

> "O Holy God of Gods in Sion, what a mighty stream of pleasure made glad our hearts whenever we had the leisure to visit Paris, the Paradise of the World, and to linger there, where the days seemed ever few for the greatness of our love. There are delightful libraries more aromatic than stores of spicery; there are luxuriant parks of all manners of volumes."

I assume that I should base any claim as to my qualification for being your guest on Section 10 of Clause 3 of your articles of Association which reads: "To promote social intercourse among the members of the Association and other persons ...

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persons engaged, concerned or interested in antiques or the antique trade."

That is indeed a most hospitable clause. It is sufficiently elastic to include both the neophytes and the acknowledged experts. Much as I should like to do so, I cannot pretend to the latter distinction. I can only rely upon a lifelong interest in your noble profession as a passport to your courtesy and good will.

From a very tender age I have been a collector of sorts. My first object or pursuit, as I recall it, was the gathering of pictures of American baseball players which were to be found in the packages of a popular brand of cigarettes. Assiduously, I frequented the company of smokers, and aided by a lack of bashfulness was moderately successful in that field of accumulation.

But by the age of seven this type of pictorial art had yielded place in my affections to a more passionate enterprise. My father had a farm in Southern Virginia on which there still existed the remains of an Indian burial mound. Lord Carnavon certainly could have obtained no greater thrill from his pharaonic searches than I did in digging for articles of these aboriginal tribes.

In a few years, by toil, gift, and purchase I had acquired a respectable number of skulls, bones, flints,

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arrow heads, tomahawks, stone clubs, fragments of pottery and other relics of what can hardly be dignified by the name of a vanished civilization. Unhappily, this assortment was soon to perish in a fire which devastated the building in which it was lodged.

When I was about twelve, I was ready for more serious adventures into the mysteries of collecting. Increasingly, my attention had turned toward the graphic arts. Based upon some hundreds of gaily illustrated Italian and Spanish match boxes - and I can still remember the sanguinary bull fighting scenes on the last - I became concerned with etchings. Out of my scanty allowance I managed over a period of years to buy a few mediocre specimens - I especially remember a Hayden, a D.Y. Cameron, and, prize of prizes, a Meryon of Notre Dame - this last a gift.

Concurrently, I developed a passion for books which led to the gradual acquisition of first edi[illegible] modern authors. I was fortunate enough [illegible]mirer of Henry James, when he was not much in [illegible]my own city of Baltimore, although nothing like [illegible]e opportunities presented themselves as they did in larger cities, there were good things to be had cheaply. I recollect acquiring, [illegible]ere such unlikely items as the first Australian edition of ...

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of the Nigger of the Narcissus, as well as some Stevensons and Kiplings of comparative rarity.

Service in the Army during the first World War interrupted my course, but did not diminish the insatiable desire to return as quickly as possible to the chase.

Influenced by reading Ouida's Under Two Flags at an impressionable age, I formed the plan to collect first editions of all her works even then outmoded. Most were published in three volumes and had exotic titles such as Syrlin, Othmar, Tricotrin. I found an unexpected ally in an old bookseller on Charing Cross Road who abetted my attempts. Periodically there flowed across the Atlantic small cargoes of Ouida, all too many of them bearing the markings of English circulating libraries, until at last I had them all.

My pride of ownership was dashed by another conflagration that destroyed not only my Ouidas, but many other cherished volumes. I sold my remaining first editions, and thereafter abandoned the search for them as a primary quest. At least I could comfort myself by the reflection of Isaac Disraeli that "Literature is in no way injured by the follies of collectors, since though they preserve the worthless, they necessarily protect the good".

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About this time I occasionally travelled abroad. I had previously indulged myself to some extent in buying a few pieces of early American silver, china, glass and furniture. The foreign vista now opened to me was replete with promise. Somewhat indiscriminately I fear, I plunged into miscellaneous undertakings, which finally centered chiefly upon English furniture and silver.

Little now remains of the various objects which I have from time to time owned, but the divine fire that consumes one's purse burns today even more hotly than it did thirty years ago.

So it is as an amateur, not knowledgeable but enthusiastic, that I submit myself to your indulgence. Even in this choice company let me say a word in defense of the often irritating customer. Just as it takes two to make a marriage, it requires two to make a trade - the dealer and the client. Too often one meets acquisitors who think that because they have surrounded themselves with beautiful objects of art they have become authorities on their origin and quality. It was such as these whom Whistler derired when he said that mere familiarity with art did not betoken knowledge or appreciation of it - otherwise the policeman in the National Gallery might be tempted to assert himself.

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But there are other clients free of pomposity whose activities give us vicarious pleasure. I cannot admire the taste of the Roman Emperor who filled vast underground vaults with his unique collection of cobwebs, but I do marvel at his imagination and pertinacity. Thus we sympathizes with all who with love pursue their objectives in spite of difficulties, undaunted by the fear of popular taste.

"Rare are the buttons of a Roman's breeches,
In antiquarian eyes surpassing riches."

Nor should we be too prone to criticize in collectors what may seem to us aberrations of fancy, or idiocies of judgment. Human conceits are luckily various; why another person might desire something which to one is without merit or even utility should not be speculated upon. I am always reminded in this connection of a story told by Mr. MacMurray, a former American Ambassador who was versed in several Chinese dialects. Once walking down a dusty road between two Chinese villages he came upon the wayside stall of a poor native pedlar. Prominent amongst his wares, and in the early stage of decomposition, was the carcass of a cat. With curiosity, MacMurray demanded "Now to whom would you expect to sell that dead cat?" "Ah, Sir", was the answer, "that neither you nor I can know".

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This same spirit of not judging anything by its immediate practicality has informed collectors throughout the ages. The cabinets of curiosities, which were almost a required feature of the Palaces of Emperors, Kings, petty Princelings, and other men of wealth from the Middle Ages onward, were typical of this attitude. These miscellaneous aggregations became great storehouses from which wise men later selected some of the most splendid objects that adorn our modern museums.

Art and civilization are permanently in debt to the dealers in antiquities. They have kept the flame of appreciation alive, they have conserved what otherwise would have perished. Nothing could be truer than Francis Bacon's reflection that "antiquities are remnants of history which have casually escaped the shipwrecks of time".

And so when I propose a toast to your Association, I do so in admiration and in envy of the profession that you follow. It possesses remarkable attractions, not the least of which is that you and your colleagues throughout the world are the guardians of the best of the past for the benefit of the present and of the future."

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Friday, June 1, 1951.

E. and I had lunch with Betty and Bill Harcourt. While there we persuaded them to return to Paris with us and spend the week-end. Nancy Lancaster also decided to come, [redacted] as well as Nelson Slater who had gone over with us. The house is now filled with guests.

We left London in perfect weather, but when we hit the French coast we were shrouded in mist and cloud until we landed at Orly after circling the field for 45 minutes.

To-night the Harcourts, Nancy, E. and myself went to the Sainte Chapelle where the Cercle d'Echanges Artistiques Internationaux was putting on a concert. It would be difficult to imagine anything more beautiful than this occasion. The selections of music dated from the 14th century and th [redacted] beauty of this building softly illuminated.

To bed rather late.

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Saturday, June 2,1951.

Came to the office in the morning. The nurse was away and E. had the children all day.

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Sunday, June 3, 1951.

We went to Versailles for lunch. We had the [illegible]courts, Nancy Lancaster, Phil Jessup, Charles and Yvonne Mendl. (They were married two days ago, he being eighty and she about thirty.)

To-night we had a dinner for General and Mrs. Bradley with the following present:

General and Mrs. Bradley
General and Mrs. Gruenther
General and Mrs. Lanham
General and Mrs. O'Hare
General MacCloskey
Mlle Eve Curie
Cte & Ctsse Robert de Lesseps
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bohlen
Mr. and Mrs. David Nes
Ambassador Jessup
M. & Mme Philippe de Croisset
M. & Mme André de Vilmorin
Mlle Cecile de Rothschild

At last the weather has changed and it has been a beautiful day.

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Monday, June 4, 1951.

I went to the church of the Invalides this morning for the funeral of Lieutenant Bernard de Lattre de Tassigny. The beautiful church was crowded as were the balconies. The coffins of de Lattre and his two companions, one a lieutenant and one a corporal, who were killed in the same skirmish, were banked with flowers on top of which was a black pillow on which the decorations were pinned. Young de Lattre's were [redacted] numerous since he had had a brilliant army career from the age of fifteen onward. It was a most affecting ceremony with beautiful quiet music. Madame de Lattre had asked that half the church be reserved for mothers of other men killed in Indochina. At its conclusion a hundred or more people shook hands with General and Madame de Lattre, which seemed to me a great imposition on them. Madame de Lattre is quite beautiful. [redacted] I have never seen a face more altered in such a short space of time with sorrow. The General looked shattered. After we left the church,

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we went into the Cours d'Honneur of the Invalides which was lined with thousands of people. General de Lattre headed the procession to where the hearses were standing and there the Marseillaise was sung. Practically everybody in the crowd was in tears at this point. I think on the whole it was the most moving and beautiful ceremony I have seen in Paris.

I got back too late to see Clarence McCormick, the Undersecretary of Agriculture, with whom I had an appointment. Jack Herfurt came in to say goodbye. He is a fine fellow. He is leaving for Cairo where he will have charge of the affairs of his division in the whole of the Middle East. Colonel Dawson, a member of the Security Group, which has been conferring with the French and the British told me they were about to bring their labors to a moderately successful conclusion.

Messrs. Birdsell, Tyler, Eldridge and Herz had lunch with me in the office. We went over various computations of what is likely to occur in the French

elections. [redacted]

This afternoon the famous Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City called on me. He is seventy-five years old, but [redacted] sprightly. He wants help in securing reservations to go home on a steamship in September as well as reservations at the Hotel du Palais at Biarritz. I think we can arrange it. He introduced me to his [redacted] attractive twenty-two year old daughter.

I went from there to the Palais Rose, where the Soviet [redacted] reply to the recent notes of the Three Powers on the subject of a Four Foreign Ministers Conference was expected to be delivered. It was. The Soviet [redacted] reply in effect said that their representative would attend such a conference in Washington as soon as the Allied Powers agreed to place the question of American bases and the North Atlantic Treaty organization on the agenda as a "non" agreed item. When pressed for explanation of certain obscurities in the text, Gromyko contented himself with saying that the text meant exactly what it said and that it meant the

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same thing in Russian, English and French. This was rather unsatisfactory, but typical of Gromyko.

We went out to-night to have dinner at 8.30 with M. Henri Samuel - the head of the firm of Alavoine the antique dealer - at Monfort la Maury. It was a glorious night with the grounds illuminated and tables along the white gravel path under huge lime trees. There were 290 people for dinner. We were among the first to leave but did not get home until after one o'clock.

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Tuesday, June 5,1951.

I went to Phil Jessup's meeting this morning where a reply to the Soviet note was under consideration. The French are preparing a suggested form of answer to be made available later in the day.

Nelson Slater came to say goodbye. He is sailing to-night. He is in fine spirits and improved health.

I had a lunch to-day for Henry Ford. The guests were: M. Baumgartner, General Biddle, M. & Mme Le Hideux, M. George Lesto, General and Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Terrill and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cleveland.

Mr. Rudloph Bing, the new director of the Metropolitan Opera called on me this afternoon. He is attractive and full of enthusiasm for his work. The chief difficulty at the Metropolitan remains a financial one. The Federal tax on admissions and the New York City taxes on their real estate make them run a large and chronic deficit. Foreign opera establishments are subsidized by governments. A great institution like the Metropolitan ought to be at least

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e[illegible]pted from taxation as under no circumstances would it ever become a profit making institution.

Preston Grover and Teddy White came to see me.

M. Louis Gruenberg, the famous American composer, has just arrived here from Italy. He wants to talk to M. Hirsch of the Paris Opera regarding the possibility of his showing "Emperor Jones" there. I saw it years ago with Paul Robeson in the chief part. I understand [redacted] M. Hirsch is not favorable to the production of foreign operas in his house. I had a talk later in the day with Miss Jervis on the subject, and we hope to arrange an interview between Messrs. Gruenberg and Hirsch.

M. Jean Baylot, the new Prefect of Police, came to see me. He seems [redacted] energetic and friendly. He is from Pau.

Mr. Robert Hoey of the Far Eastern Division of the State Department has just arrived here from a tour of South East Asia. He thinks there has been a marked improvement as regards the situation in Indochina.

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Freddy Lyon, who is about to be Consul General at Bordeaux, came in. He and Beth Rogers were recently married and I was delighted to see them again. He is an admirable choice for this post.

Mr. Morrill Cody, who has been operating in an attempt to coordinate the activities of USIE and those of ECA - and particularly of OSR - talked to me about the possible joint use by the two organizations of the production center for photography, films, etc. run by OSR in the former restaurant at 4 avenue Gabriel.

To-night we had a dinner for Paul Hoffman and Mrs. Hoffman, Miss Barbara Hoffman, Mr. Peter Hoffman, Mr. W. H. Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford II, Mr. Clayton Fritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Helms, Ambassador Philip Jessup, Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce, Mrs. Claude Lancaster and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford. Paul and Dorothy Hoffman with their two children arrived early, bringing American Indian costumes for Sacha and David. The children were almost out of their

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heads with pleasure, running all over the house and emitting war hoops. One of the other guests, Mrs. Helms from Los Angeles, gave us the finest orchid sprays I have ever seen which she had brought all the way from California.

Chuck Spofford called me this evening to say that a delegation of sixteen members of the House of Representatives was due to arrive either in Paris or London next Saturday. There will be eight members of the Foreign Affairs Committee, four from the Armed Services Committee, and four from the Appropriations Committee. They intend to examine into the present status of rearmament in the NATO countries.

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Wednesday, June 6, 1951.

Phil and Chip are in a merry-go-round with the British and French on an answer to the Soviet [redacted] note. Doug MacArthur spent most of the late morning here in an attempt to work out a schedule for the Congressmen who are arriving on Saturday of this week. The Paris papers have picked it up in connection with the visits of General Collins, General Bradley and General Vandenberg. There is great speculation as to whether they are attemping to interfere in French politics in this important pre-election period.

Art Stevens came to see me this afternoon to report on his conversations in the various ECA countries looking toward a closer coordination between Diplomatic Mission and ECA Mission personnel in the various capitals.

Mrs. Goldstein, wife of Judge Goldstein of New York and sister of Sidney Weinberg, called on me.

Lansing Warren brought in Dana Schmidt, former New York Times correspondent in Prague who is replacing Harold Callender in Paris during Harold's stay in the

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United States. Callender's wife is desperately ill and they do not know when he will be coming back.

Captain Roger Gauattary, who is now director of the press service of the Gaumont Cinema Company and who served under me in London and France as head of the French section attached to the First Army, called to-day with Lieutenant Bazin, another one of the group. Gauattary says that he is in constant touch with forty of our previous agents who if it should become necessary could be trusted to engage again in similar work.

Pete Hamilton is having trouble in locating an office for himself and his small staff of air officers and I promised to try to help him.

Mr. Leacocus of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, who comes through Paris every few months on a round-up trip, spent a good while with me this afternoon.

For some weeks, although our business with the French Government is about as heavy as ever, I have had no formal appointments with any leading French officials.

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They are all busily engaged in their campaigns for re-election to the National Assembly. The pre-election atmosphere here is [redacted] much like that at home, and as the campaign approaches its close it becomes more and more difficult to get decisions made on important questions.

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Thursday, June 7, 1951.

I saw various people this morning in connection with preparations for the visit of the sixteen members of the House of Representatives who are now expected to arrive on Saturday morning.

I had a sandwich in the office.

This afternoon, Mr. L'Allier came to talk to me about a complicated Soviet espionage case which will have to be followed up.

Francis McIntyre, who used to be in the Department of Commerce and is now with Caltex, called. He is a fine man and displayed great courage and judgment in connection with export licensing when he was in Commerce.

Commander Nolan is making his annual trip over here in connection with the Lafayette ceremonies at Picpus Cemetery on July 4th.

We had a large reception at the Embassy this afternoon to which amongst others we had asked half the membership of the French Foreign Office. The other half will be

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asked next week.

E. and I went to dinner to-night with Daisy de Contades at her house at 18 rue Adolph Yvon. She has a large garden wi[illegible] a small swimming pool in it. There were about 35 people for dinner, including M. Alexandre Parodi. After dinner he took me aside and told me how discouraged he was over the Deputies Conference at the Palais Rose. He feels that it is essential to continue these conversations at least until the French elections on the 17th. He thinks [illegible] the State Department's instructions to Phil Jessup restrict him too narrowly. In his own case, he is under [illegible] definite orders not to do anything which might result in bringing these meetings to an abrupt end.

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Friday, June 8, 1951.

I went to the American exhibit at the Union Centrale des Arts Décoratifs held at the Pavillon de Marsan at the Louvre. A great many nations had exhibits there - the Italian, Dutch, Swiss and other ambassadors were present to greet President Auriol. I thought [redacted] the exhibition put on by John Gates of Steuben Glass in the American section was superb from every point of view. It seems to have attracted the most favorable comments, and caused a great deal of surprise, from Europeans who had seemed to believe [redacted] our country was not distinguished for fine hand blown glass. President Auriol was [redacted] most complimentary of it.

Nancy Lancaster left to return to London this morning.

I had a call from Jack McCloy saying [redacted] he was passing through Paris on Sunday on his way home to testify before Congress.

Douglas MacArthur came in to discuss further plans for the briefing of the congressmen over the weekend, and I

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talked to Chuck Spofford in London on the same matter.

E. came down and had a sandwich with me in the office, as it seemed to be the only time to go through folders of social matters connected with Embassy entertaining which appear to be more numerous, if that is possible, than ever before.

M. Jean-Pierre Hadengue, Président des Etudiants Catholiques de Paris, who has just returned from a ten months stay in the United States where he lectured, came in to tell me his impressions of his trip.

I then saw M. Aimable, [redacted] Sous-Directeur of the Brasserie Wepler on the Place Clichy. I had met him in 1944 at Rambouillet, and he brought his son in to see if it would be possible to obtain a job for him.

I had a talk with Harlan Cleveland from Washington and then with Ambassador Pawley. Finally Paul Auriol arrived to discuss the plans [redacted] his father and mother have made for the entertainment of Miss Truman during her visit. Dozens of people want to have parties for her and are ready to kill her with kindness. With the

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exception of the Auriols, we have tried to keep her from being drawn into any functions of an official nature.

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Saturday, June 9, 1951.

I went to Orly this morning to meet the Congressional Delegation consisting of Messrs. James P. Richards (Democrat. South Carolina), Thomas Gordon (Democrat. Illinois), Mike Mansfield, (Democrat Montana), Laurie C. Battle (Democrat. Alabama), Robert Chiperfield (Republican. Illinois), Walter H. Judd (Republican. Wisconsin), Christian Herter (Republican. Massachusetts), and Staff Members Boys Crawford and Sheldon Kaplan, of the Foreign Affairs Committee; Messrs. John J. Rooney (Democrat. New York), J. Vaughan Gary (Democrat. Virginia), Robert L.F.Sikes (Democrat. Florida), Richard B. Wigglesworth (Republican. Massachusetts), Frederick R. Coudert Jr., (Republican. New York) and Norris Cotton (Republican. New Hampshire), of the Appropriations Committee; and Messrs. Overton Brooks (Democrat. Louisiana), Edward de Graffenried (Democrat. Alabama), Dewey Short (Republican. Missouri), W. Sterling Cole, (Republican. New York), and Staff Member Bryce N. Harlow from the Armed Services

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Committee of the House of Representatives. They had with them as Escort Officer, Jack McFall, and Allen Moreland as Assistant Escort Officer. The Defense Liaison Officer was Colonel C.J. Hauck, Jr.

General Eisenhower, Ambassadors Katz, Spofford, Wood, Pawley and others were at the airport to meet them. I rode in with Dewey Short of Missouri and W. Sterling Cole of New York. General Eisenhower had a lunch for them at the Astoria where they met a good number of the members of his international staff. Afterwards General Gruenther and General Eisenhower gave them an excellent briefing.

At half past seven to-night I had a big buffet supper for them at the Embassy, - there were fifty guests in all, and we had a good time.

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Sunday, June 10, 1951.

I went to a briefing at ten this morning at the Palais Talleyrand for the Congressional Delegation. Chuck Spofford, General Handy and Milt Katz were to make the chief presentations. I had to leave at twelve o'clock to go to the house to see Jack McCloy who had arrived from Germany this morning and [redacted] is going home to-night. We satisfactorily settled the question which has worried M. Parodi so much, and which I took up with Jack the other night on the telephone - namely, the issuance of a communiqué announcing the completion of the conversations at Bonn on the German military contribution. Jack said [redacted] if the French feel strongly about it he was agreeable to having no communiqué issued. He went off to lunch with Jean Monnet and I went to Versailles where Foster and Janet Dulles, Phil Jessup, Phil's brother [redacted] (Dick) and Mrs. Jessup, Eve Curie and Pauline Potter had lunch with us.

Foster and Janet arrived yesterday from London to

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stay with us. He is going to have [redacted] conversations with the French on the Japanese Peace Treaty. I had a talk with him this evening about his various activities in regard to this subject which everyone says he has handled admirably.

To-night Janet and he went to dinner with the Monnets, and E., Phil and I took the bateau mouche at 8.30 at the Pont de Solferino. It made a trip down the river as far as the Bois de Boulogne and then retraced its path to a point below Notre Dame, before returning us about 11.30 to the quayside. We had [redacted] cold chicken, salad and a bottle of Bordeaux on the boat. It is a marvelous way to see Paris and the first time I have done it. The city was all illuminated, the fountains playing in the Place de la Concorde, and from the opposite side of the Place de la Concorde all the way to Notre Dame it was like a voyage in fairyland. We had the boys with us but they took no interest in the proceedings, neither cats nor dogs being available to their view. After we debarked,

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we walked down from the Pont Neuf to the garden of the Vert Galant beneath it, [redacted] then strolled through the Place Dauphine. It was a clear delicious night.

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Monday, June 11, 1951.

I went over to the Foreign Office with Foster Dulles and John Utter this morning where we met Messrs. Parodi, Chauvel, de la Tournelle, Baeyens, etc. The French asked a good many questions regarding the proposed treaty and seemed thoroughly satisfied with Foster's lucid explanations. We stayed on for a lunch which M. Parodi gave, and the meeting was resumed afterwards. I came back to the office, however, and saw Lee McCardle of the Philadelphia Bulletin, and attended to various items of business here.

To-night we went to a large dinner at the Windsors, [redacted] then to the Restaurant Laurent where Elsa Maxwell was throwing a party. The guests were all asked to come as their most becoming or their most unbecoming. Many of them did not take the trouble to costume themselves, but amongst those who did there were some [redacted] funny get ups. [redacted] Evangeline had a mask [redacted] half pretty, [redacted] half ugly, [redacted] with an extraordinary expression.

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Her dress caught on fire at the Windsors and she was almost burnt up. I wore a huge bushy grey mustache. There were lots of entertainers and a dance orchestra. When we left about 3.30 in the morning there were many people still there.

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Tuesday, June 12, 1951.

General Cabell came to see me this morning. He has been going around inspecting his various air attaché establishments in Europe. Afterwards I saw Park Armstrong, Assistant to the Secretary, who is here for only a couple of days. George Bauerschmidt, with whom I went to school in Baltimore, came in. I had not seen him for 25 years. He is now an admiral in the navy, stationed in Washington. When I was a boy, his family owned the most famous brewery in Baltimore.

Henry Parkman talked to me about the project of having two hundred of the leading European business men make a trip to the United States later in the year. We went over a list of French possibilities.

This afternoon I went with Foster Dulles to see President Auriol. The President was in great form and full of humor. He talked specifically about the Japanese peace treaty. Foster has arrived at a [redacted] satisfactory understanding with the French Government in regard to

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it, and is returning to England to-morrow to learn what the British Cabinet's decision has been on the subject.

To-night, E., Foster and Janet, [redacted] Phil Jessup and I dined together. Phil says [redacted] the meeting at the Palais Rose to-day accomplished nothing. Ernest Davies delivered some strictures on [redacted] Soviet conduct and Gromyko retaliated with an abusive speech which lasted two hours and a quarter.

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Wednesday, June 13, 1951.

Mayor Hague came to see me this morning and discoursed chiefly [redacted] old days in New Jersey politics and his association with Woodrow Wilson whom he said was the finest public speaker he [redacted] ever heard.

Jimmy Burden came to see me in connection with his forthcoming marriage. He wanted me to arrange with a clergyman of one of the two American churches to perform the ceremony. Since Jimmy is an Episcopalian, I called Dean Riddle about it, but [redacted] Jimmy is marrying a [redacted] who has been divorced, the Dean cannot officiate without the express approval of his Bishop. I shall take the matter up with Dr. Clayton Williams, [redacted] the Pastor of the Protestant Church.

E. came down with the boys and we had a sandwich lunch in the office. This gave an opportunity to go over the innumerable invitations and arrangements for receptions, luncheons, dinners, etc. at the Embassy residence.

This afternoon Max Shoop, Royall Tyler and Ian

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Fraser, representing the American Library, came to see me about the possible acquisition by them of property belonging to Maurice de Rothschild at 10 rue de l'Elysée. Its acquisition and construction would cost about a quarter of a million dollars. Since the Library association has no money whatever, it was somewhat difficult to make a helpful suggestion to them. They are going now to call on Ike Stokes to investigate the possibilities of getting some ECA counterpart funds.

Nathan Straus, [redacted] formerly the Housing Administrator in New York and [redacted] now a broadcaster, came to see me.

This afternoon we had a reception at the Residence which included the other half of the French Foreign Office officials who had not been asked last week, together with various members of the Diplomatic Corps and visiting Americans.

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Thursday, June 14, 1951.

Howland Sergeant, Deputy to Ed Barrett and headd of the American Delegation to UNESCO, came to see me this morning and explained to me the objectives [redacted] his Delegation had in mind. He is married to [redacted] charming Myrna Loy.

I went to [redacted] UNESCO headquarters at three o'clock at the [redacted] Hotel Raphael, and discoursed for an hour and a half on the French situation.

Gordon Loud came to see me later in the afternoon. He is a famous orientalist, was with me in OSS and has been in Cairo for the last five years. He and his wife are now going home for good.

Chester Dale came in with Daniel Rich, the Museum director. We talked art. They went off to see the seven Cézannes which arrived a few days ago at the Embassy residence. They were a gift to the United States Government from Mr. Loeser, who died a few years ago in

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Florence. He provided by his Will that if the White House did not accept them they were to be displayed at the Paris Embassy.

To-night, I went to the summer dinner of the Military Order of Foreign Wars. I was made Honorary Commander, [redacted] presented with a beautiful decoration, and launched forth on an optimistic speech.

Earlier in the afternoon Bill Foster, who spent only one day here, came to see me and reported that the situation in Washington is infinitely confused. Milt Katz is resigning [redacted] on August 15, Dick Bissell about October 1st, and Bill himself wants to get out before the end of the year. This means a wholesale turn-over in the top personnel.

After the dinner was over, I joined Phil and E. at about 11.30 at the Vert Galant. They had been to the concert and [redacted] great festival [redacted] to-night on the Place des Vosges. After leaving the Vert Galant we went back to the Place des Vosges and

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arrived just in time to see torch bearers, halb[redacted]erdiers, musketeers and link boys, dressed in Louis XIII and Henri IV costumes, together with a file of drummers, parading around the square. There was also a Louis XIII coach, painted a dusky red, with outriders and men standing behind the box. The Dasteur[redacted] was holding a supper in one of the arcades. Altogether it was one of the most beautiful sights imaginable. We arrived home late just in time to avoid a violent thunderstorm which continued all night.

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Friday, June 15, 1951

The Economic Sub Committee of the Congressional group met this morning with Chip, Nat King and myself to discuss East West trade controls. Messrs. Wigglesworth, Battle and Herter were there. Because of the secrecy attached to the embargo and other lists the present state of controls exercised over shipments to the Soviet bloc is not known to the American public, and there is considerable excitement at home over this question. Actually, we have an understanding with the other NATO nations which is, on the whole, satisfactory.

Virginia Clarke arrived last night to stay with us, and she and E. came down for lunch to-day in the office with the boys.

One of the visiting congressmen (from Alabama) has caused a great deal of trouble not only to the Embassy but to everyone who has had the unhappiness of meeting him. [redacted] He is said ordinarily to be well conducted, agreeable and

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intelligent. On this trip he has displayed none of those qualities. The night of his arrival from the United States with the rest of the group he went to Montmartre. Fatigued no doubt by his journey, he sought to revive himself by stimulants. One of our people says he saw the congressman absorb by himself four magnums of champagne in a fairly short time. Having lodged this refreshment in his system, he passed on to a nearby café where he hoisted a few glasses of whisky or cognac. With considerable difficulty he was poured into an automobile and taken to his hotel, the Royal Monceau. On the way, he was stricken by sickness and arrived at the Royal Monceau in such condition that he was refused admission. This difficulty was overcome by his companions arguing his cause, he himself not participating in the controversy since he had long ago ceased to be articulate.

When he was visited the following afternoon, having been unable to attend any of the briefing

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meetings, it was ascertained [redacted] he had taken aboard two bottles of whisky and did not display any interest in congressional investigations. He did, however, accompany the delegation physically to London where he continued his drinking. Completely blurred in mentality, he then went to Brussels from whence under strong escort he was dispatched to Paris. It seems that when he starts on a drinking bout he is [redacted] thorough-going and finds himself incapable of desisting from it. The present plan is [redacted] when the rest of the Delegation leaves for home.

M. Moulier, Chief of the French News Agency in Washington came to call this afternoon. He is pessimistic over the probable outcome of the French elections on Sunday as he does not believe [redacted] they will result in a basis for the formation of a strong government.

Paul McNutt came to see me. He is on [redacted] last leg of his annual trip around the world. He is now

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about sixty and [redacted] as vigorous, handsome and healthy looking as ever.

Guy Staman, the advance Security agent for Miss Truman, discussed with me the arrangements for her stay in Paris.

Bill Pawley came in and had some interesting information to give about his trip to Spain, [redacted] whence he returned last night.

We have been busy all day preparing papers as background for our presentation of the French situation to the Congressional Committee on Sunday.

To-night, E., Phil and I went to dinner with Pauline Potter at her apartment on the Quai Bourbon. It belongs to Marthe Bibesco, from whom she leases it six months of each year, and possesses one of the most magnificent views imaginable. The Berniers were also there. He is a wellknown French writer. I went home about 11.30 to pore [redacted] over a mass of papers and E. and Phil went to the country to Jacques

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Fath's costume ball. The guests were invited to wear 18th century fancy dress with powdered hair.

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[redacted] Saturday, June 16, 1951.

Hervé Alphand came to see me this morning. We talked about the European Army. The conferences at Petersberg between the Germans and the representatives of the High Commissioners on the subject of a German contribution to NATO have come to a close, and it is important while they are under study by the respective governments that the European Army Conference end its deliberations as soon as possible and present a proposition of its own. Alphand will therefore call a plenary meeting next week, and try to get a report ready by July 10th.

Yesterday the Three Powers delivered a note, which closely resembles [redacted] an ultimatum, to the [redacted] Soviet at the Palais Rose. There was no immediate reaction by Gromyko, and it is too late for him to make any reply which might influence the French elections. The best estimate here, as cabled to the Department on the eve of the elections, was that the Gaullists would get about 120, the Communists about 110, Socialists about

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100, and the MRP and RGR 85 apiece.

We had [redacted] a lunch at the Residence for Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hughes, General Pierpont Hamilton, Mrs. Brooks Howe, Mr. (Daddy) Myers, Miss Leonora Corbett, Mr. Donald Bloomingdale, Honorable William Pawley, Mrs. W. A. Harriman and Mrs. Albert Sidney.

John Hughes came back this afternoon to see me, and we had a long talk regarding various activities of an international character with which he is associated, especially those in which Allen Dulles and Bill Donovan are interested.

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[redacted] Sunday, June 17, 1951. [redacted]

We made our Embassy presentation to the Congressional Party this morning in the big library at the Embassy. I thought it went off [redacted] well. Afterwards I had a buffet lunch for those who attended - about 42 in number - at the Residence.

Pippa Haig, [redacted] a friend of E., whose husband is First Secretary at the British Embassy in Brussels, arrived to stay last night. This afternoon, E., she and myself took a walk in the Saint Cloud Park which was crowded with merry makers. This was the day of the big steeple chase at Auteuil. Unfortunately, because of the lateness of our lunch I missed it. It was won by an English-owned horse called Nagara which paid off at odds of about thirty to one. One of the Congressional visitors had a bet on him and is temporarily [redacted] pro-French as a result.

This afternoon Tom and Cordelia Robertson [redacted] and Mr. Vallance came to drink with us. The Robertsons [redacted] are on their way to Madrid where Bo's son, Angier Duke,

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and her nephew, Nicky Biddle, are both stationed in the American Embassy.

After dinner to-night, E., Phil and I went to the Folies Bergères - E. and I for the first time since we came to Paris. There was both wonderful costuming and a wonderful lack of costumes at various points and all in all it was good entertainment. Afterwards we went to the Figaro office and visited Pierre Brisson. It was too early to get any election returns of [redacted] consequence. [redacted]

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in the popular vote. We got home about two o'clock.

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Monday, June 18, 1951.

I went to a briefing this morning at General Eisenhower's where he and General Gruenther talked to the Congressmen who are leavi to-night. The two generals strongly and ably advocated the continuance of foreign aid. I came back and had lunch in the office. Afterwards, General Campana, President Auriol's aide, visited me with a fistfull of tickets for all performances in Paris this week at the Opera and other State directed institutions. [redacted] He made a gracious offer of the Presidential loge in the various theaters to Miss Truman.

Jimmy Burden came in to get a letter from me to the authorities in connection with his intended marriage.

I had a long talk with Jimmy Riddleberger about the European Army.

Most of the election returns are in and it appears that the RFF will have the largest number of seats in the next Assembly with the Communists second. The

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Communists in their total vote lost [redacted] got about 9% fewer votes than in the 1946 election. In view of what happened in Italy, where the Communist popular vote increased, this is gratifying.

Miss Margaret Truman and her party, consisting of Miss Odum and Mrs. Wright, arrived at the Residence from Luxembourg by car late this afternoon. Apparently they were immediately beset by a hoard of photographers. The three ladies, as well as Phil, are staying at the Residence.

We all went ~~to~~ down to-night to a party at Gif-sur-Yvette which the Ken Boltons gave for Margaret Truman. She is [redacted] attractive, intelligent and knows exactly what she wants to do, which is to see as much of various aspects of Paris as possible. This is her first visit.

The Bolton party was one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. Dinner started for about 350 guests at eleven o'clock on a huge terrace protected by a canopy.

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It was a moderately clear night, but quite cold.

Afterwards there was dancing to an excellent orchestra.

To have a dinner dance at that distance from the city, with constant additions to the guest list and all the difficulties of seating, service, etc. performed in such a perfect manner, was really a triumph of organization on the Boltons' part.

Annette Wright, Margaret Truman and myself got back to Paris about three o'clock and the others straggled in later in the morning.

The Residence seems to be encircled with French Secret Service people. Miss Truman herself is accompanied by an agreeable United States agent, Mr. Staman. She hates all of that and the publicity attaching to her every step, but is philosophical about the unavoidability of it.

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Tuesday, June 19,1951.

Walter [redacted] Hallstein, who is in effect the German Federal Republic Foreign Minister, came to see me this morning and we had a long discussion about the European Army. There are some important points of difference between the French and the Germans as to how it should be constituted, but none which appear to [redacted] Hallstein and myself insuperable, granted a reasonable spirit of compromise on both sides. He says [redacted] Chancellor Adenauer, like himself, favors this conception of how Germany should make a contribution of military strength to NATO. The Petersberg report offers some difficulties in this connection. [redacted] Hallstein's idea is that if [redacted] Alphand is successful in having the European Army Conference make its interim report by July 10th, then perhaps delegates from the various countries concerned might make a study of the two reports simultaneously.

I went this afternoon to the Press Conference given

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by [redacted] Margaret Truman at 41 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré. She handled it extremely well, and also was most cooperative with the many photographers present.

Afterwards, she, E. and I went to the terrace of the Palais de Chaillot where the newsreel men and photographers took pictures of her against the wonderful background which included the Tour Eiffel and the Champ de Mars.

Walter Linthicum, [redacted] the retiring Consul from Bordeaux, and his wife came to say goodbye.

I went over to see M. Letourneau about the invitation which, subject to the approval of the French Government, the Joint Chiefs of Staff wish to extend to General de Lattre to pay a visit to Washington. He said he would take it up at once with Prime Minister Queuille.

To-night, Margaret Truman, Annette Wright and E. and I went to dinner at the Elysée Palace. The Paul Auriols were there - she still looks [redacted] attractive in spite

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of the twenty-four operations she has undergone to build up her face which was so badly shattered in an airplane accident a year or more ago. She has recently established a speed record for a woman flying a jet [redacted]plane. General and Mrs. Eisenhower were there, M. René Pleven, General Grossin, M. Munch the composer, and various others, including the Forgeots and Helle Bonnet.

About ten o'clock we went to the Comédie Française where there was a gala performance. First of all there was a Vin d'Honneur, attended by the chief persons in the cast, between the acts in one of the beautiful private salons. Afterwards, from the President's box, we saw Antigone, translated from the Sophocles play. It was a wonderful performance so far as the cast was concerned. I had not seen it for many years and had forgotten how lugubrious and moving the subject was.

We got home quite late.

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Wednesday, June 20, 1951.

Mr. John M. Redding, Assistant Postmaster General, came to see me this morning. He is making a study of the postal requirements of the US Armed Forces in France.

I had a sandwich in the office and later saw Mathew Woll.

General Armstrong, American observer at the International Committee on Military Medecine, came in. I then saw George Sloane, his daughter and Colonel Hartfield. Messrs. Sloane and Hartfield had been at the International Chamber of Commerce meeting at Lisbon. They are both deeply interested in the Metropolitan Opera.

[redacted] Margaret Truman has had a [redacted] busy day and to-night is going out with some of her perwonal friends which ought to be a relief to her after so many official ceremonies in the various countries she has visited.

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Thursday, June 21, 1951.

Dick Patterson came in to see me this morning. He is on his way to Bern to take up his duties as Minister to Switzerland. Jim Farley called with his local representative, Mr. Makinsky. I am to see Jim again next week.

I went over with Averell to see Prime Minister Queuille and Maurice Petsche. They spoke very frankly to him about the present situation in France and especially in regard to the unilateral cancellation by ECA of the assistance [redacted] they had believed our Government had formally contracted to give France at the meetings in Washington last October. We discussed a great variety of questions and it was a[redacted] interesting conference. As a result, I was late for lunch at Rambouillet where President and Madame Auriol were entertaining [redacted] Margaret Truman. We had an excellent and gay lunch, and afterwards visited the extraordinary little pleasure house known as the "Maison de Coquillage" - the interior of which is ornamented entirely with shells - built

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by the Duc de Penthièvre for his daughter-in-law, Princesse de Lamballe.

After leaving Rambouillet, E., Margaret Truman, Annette Wright and myself motored to Chartres where we saw the cathedral, especially beautiful to-day with bright sunlight filtering through the wonderful 12th and 13th century stained glass windows. I came back to the office and attended to some business.

We had a dinner to-night for Miss Truman, with the following persons present: M. Francis Poulenc, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Bolton, M. & Mme Hervé Alphand, M. Marcel Achard, Ambassador and Mrs. Milton Katz, M. Henri Sauguet, Mrs. Perle Mesta, Mr. John Utter, Mrs. Wright, Mr. Richard Ney, Miss Elsa Maxwell, Madame Bousquet, Mlle Eve Curie, General and Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower, Captain and Mrs. John Eisenhower, and Ambassador and Mrs. Harriman. It was great fun because the Monseigneur orchestra played to us for an hour and afterwards

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Claude Alphand sang and Hervé did some imitations.

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Friday, June 22, 1951

I talked to Jimmy Dunn this morning in Rome about arrangements for Margaret Truman's visit to Italy.

Undersecretary of Agriculture McCormick came to see me, and then the Greek Ambassador. The latter is [redacted] anxious to know what action may be taken in the Council of Deputies [redacted] on the question of the admission of Greece and Turkey to NATO.

David Dubinsky and Irving Brown called on me and we had an enjoyable conversation. Irving is leaving to-morrow for Finland.

I had a sandwich in the office, [redacted] then went to call on Jean Monnet to discuss European Army questions with him. He had lunch yesterday with General Eisenhower and Averell and was encouraged by his talk with them.

At three o'clock I attended a European Army conference. The attitude of the German and French delegations seemed to me to reflect considerable progress. The difficulty is posed by the fact that the

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Petersberg report is now under consideration in Washington, and as the European Army Conference report will not be ready until about July 10th, there is not the co-ordination there should be. [redacted]

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On account of this meeting, I missed the ~~very~~ pleasant commencement exercises at the American School. Phil Bonsal went for me and made a speech.

To-night, Margaret Truman, Annette Wright, E. and myself went to a dinner dance given by Mme. [redacted] Petsche at 48 rue de la Faisanderie in honor of Miss Truman. There were hundreds of people there and it was an attractive occasion.

Phil Jeanp and Chip left to-day. Phil has been staying at the house for over two months and no one ever had such a perfect guest. He is a wonderful man in every particular. We will miss Chip and Avis tremendously.

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Chip is a fine combination of talent and agreeability, and Avis one of the sweetest women imaginable.

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Saturday, June 23, 1951.

Jack Daniel came to see me this morning. He is a great friend of mine from Charlotte County and a fine fellow. He succeeded me in the Virginia House of Delegates, and has remained there ever since. Harry and Gretchen Byrd came in while Jack was still here and they as well as Eloise Daniel are coming to dinner with us on Monday night. Harry is in the State Senate, runs his father's newspapers at Winchester and is both attractive and capable.

Judge Mahoney came in. He is an engaging man. He is now writing his memoirs on New York politics, which ought to be a gold mine of information, especially on the operations of Tammany Hall.

Ward Kennedy, the head of Willis Overland, told me of his efforts to get standardization in various countries of Europe on jeeps and spare parts for jeeps. He has discussed this subject with General Eisenhower and Averell.

To-night we went to dinner with the Alain and Elie de

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Rothschilds at their house at 23 avenue Marigny.

It was a beautiful dinner with many British, French and Americans. From there we went to the annual Travellers' Club ball. It was [redacted] crowded - I should think 2,000 people - and polyglot. There were numbers of fine looking men and women and very elaborate ball dresses.

We got home late.

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Sunday, June 24, 1951.

This morning, E. and I accompanied Margaret Truman, Annette Wright and Miss Odum to the American Pro Cathedral where we attended the service which was a good one. We all had lunch at home and then dispersed in various directions. E. and I went to the Grand Prix at Longchamp which the President likes the Diplomatic Corps to attend, [redacted] It was [redacted] pleasant in his box. There was a crowd of about eighty thousand people. It had rained steadily all day yesterday, last night and most of this morning, but the sky cleared before the Grand Prix and although the track was muddy it was a particularly good race. It was won by Jean Stern's Sicambre, the favorite. [redacted] General and Mrs. Eisenhower were expected but were unable to go since Mrs. Eisenhower's father had died yesterday.

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News came through to-day of Malik's speech at the United Nations last night which seemed to offer some hope of negotiations being entered upon for a cease-fire in Korea. It was exactly a year ago at the Grand Prix that we had the news of the outbreak of the Korean war.

To-night, Mrs. Stewart, Perle Mesta, Bertie Hoffman, Gallegher and John [redacted] John Utter, came to dinner with Miss Truman, Mrs. Wright, Miss Odum and ourselves. All except Gardner [redacted] went to the Opera, where the President had offered the presidential box to Miss Truman, to see Traviata.

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Monday, June 25, 1951.

Doug MacArthur came to see me this morning and we talked European Army problems.

I saw Hugh Fullerton who has just returned to Paris to run the American Hospital.

Hank Smith-Hutton brought in Lt. Commander Moore and Lieutenant Maloney, recent additions to his staff.

I went to a lunch given by M. Schuman at the Foreign Office. General Eisenhower, General Gruenther, Averell, Roland de Margerie, Hervé Alphand, Jean Monnet, M. Parodi, and others were there. We discussed the European Army. Hervé Alphand is going to send me a draft of the French proposal this afternoon.

Mr. Pitofsky of the International Garment Makers Union, came to see me this afternoon and we talked about French labor conditions.

Philip Whitcomb came in. He wanted some help in connection with a campaign being put on by Dr. Williams' church.

Miss Ann Robertson, a niece of Senator Willis

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Robertson, with her chaperone Mrs. Herring, called on me. I then went to Jim Burden's wedding at the American Presbyterian Church and saw a lot of friends. Julian Allen was best man and Harry Byrd gave the bride away. I could not go to the reception, but returned to the office and went directly from it to see Margaret Truman and her party off at 7.50 p.m. at the Gare de Lyon. The three girls were in fine fettle and I think enjoyed their stay in Paris. There were masses of photographers on the station platform.

To-night we had a late dinner at the house with Jack and Eloise Daniel, and Harry and Gretchen Byrd.

The house was quite quiet after they left to-night. It is the first time for three months [redacted] there has been no guest staying in it.

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Tuesday, June 26, 1951.

Sasha was operated on this morning for adenoids at the American Hospital and seems to have come out all right except for hemorrhages this afternoon which rather disturbed the doctor. However, by night she was resting comfortably.

Doug MacArthur and I talked about the European Army which is now a burning topic for consideration.

Admiral Holloway, Commander of the Midshipman's Squadron which has just arrived at Cherbourg, came to see me this morning with Captain Freeman. His men are going to have Paris leave in two instalments, about 700 of them at a time. At the conclusion of this visit, he is taking his contingent to Cuba.

Jim Farley and Mr. Makinsky came in and we had a long talk about conditions in France.

Colonel Cone, who is leaving, introduced his successor, Lt. Colonel Keller, to me. I then met Colonel Herrmann the new Agricultural Attaché who is [redacted]

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highly recommended. He was head of the Food section in SHAFE during the war, and therefore has had experience in [redacted] France.

I got a hair cut, had a sandwich in the office, and went through a lot of papers.

Dick Allen, an old friend of mine, formerly Vice Chairman in charge of Foreign Operations of the American Red Cross, and now administering relief in Yugoslavia, and about to become head of the ECA Mission there, called this afternoon. He is an attractive, able fellow and I was delighted to see him after a lapse of two years.

Dean Beekman, [redacted] animated at eighty, told me of his continued troubles about the American Students Center on Boulevard Raspail, concerning which I have been trying to help him.

Sir Stuart Coats, whose mother was American and who used to have large cotton interests in the United States, came in. He has for years been one of the court chamberlains of the Pope and spends most of his

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time in Paris.

John Olin of Olin Industries, introduced by John Snyder, visited me. He finds his company, especially in the making of fine shot guns, suffering from foreign competition. The United States tariff on shot guns has been lowered from 50 to 16%.

Messrs. Harriman, Katz, Parkman, Tomlinson and myself met for a review of the French situation.

To-night we attended a dinner given by the Owen Johnsons for her mother and stepfather, Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph Davies, at Eleanor Johnson's apartment at 48 rue de la Faisanderie.

She had an orchestra of three pieces - a cellist, a pianist and a violinist - which played - [redacted] well - after dinner. I sat beside the charming wife of François de R[redacted] of the Foreign Office and Mrs. Dunlap, widow of General Dunlap. Mrs. Dunlap has just published a book

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on Maurice de Saxe and Adrienne Lecouvreur. She gave me a copy of it and when I got home I read it until three o'clock with great interest.

I have added up the list of wines and liquors that I have bought since being in Paris. During the eleven months, June 1948 to May 1949, when I was with the ECA Mission to France, I purchased one million 071,068 francs worth of these agreeable commodities and $1,605.16 of the same imported from the United States. From May 17,1949 to June 25,1951, I bought six million 657,433 francs worth and $4,129.81 of wines and spirits. This excludes provision for the Fourth of July receptions which average per annum 2,000 bottles of wine, 250 bottles of Cointreau and 200 bottles of cognac.

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Wednesday, June 27, 1951.

John McCone, Undersecretary for Air, and General Norstad came to see me this morning. We discussed the question of air bases in France as well as the matter of customs duties in Morocco in connection with air bases there.

The new Philippine Ambassador, Mr. Sebatien, called. He is a husky big fellow, [redacted] a little sad over not having an office or residence here.

Preston Grover came in with one of his colleagues for a round-up on the European Army.

I went out to lunch with E. and Dick Myers. Dick, the epitome of good living, took us to lunch at a small restaurant where the food and wine were delicious.

This afternoon, Charles Smith, the London representative of INS came to talk to me about an affair concerning one of their French employees which the French are following with close attention. She has been involved in black marketing operations in the transfer

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of francs to dollars. Some of her customers are reputed to be high officials in the Embassy and in SHAPE. I will take this question up with some of our own people later.

Dave Zellerbach who has been in Geneva with the ILO conference called on me. He is toying with the idea of re-entering government service. I had a good talk with Teddy White, then saw the new Minister of Korea to France, Dr. Kyu Hong Chyun.

Malcolm Muir, head of Newsweek conversed with me for a good while and, afterwards, Bob Lewis who is in charge of the American Red Cross affairs in Europe.

The British Embassy had a garden party this afternoon which I dropped in on and saw amongst others Madame Auriol. I then went home where we were having a reception for about four hundred people including the US delegation to Unesco and the heads of all the foreign delegations to that body, as well as about 75 gynecologists from various countries who are holding a meeting in

Paris, and a mixed bag of other individuals.

We went to dinner with Marie and Averell. E. was however stricken with indigestion and had to leave before we sat down at table. I had a long and interesting talk with Averell until he departed about eleven o'clock to take a plane to Washington.

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Thursday, June 28, 1951.

M. Parodi sent for me this morning to talk over the possibility of a cease-fire in Korea. He expressed the desire of the French Government to be kept closely informed on any negotiations we might have with the Soviet [redacted] or others on this subject.

General Monclar, Commander of the French Forces in Korea, came in with his wife and his aide. He has a military record extending over a long period of time which is notable for [redacted] almost excessive rashness and personal bravery. In appearance, however, you would take him for an elderly meek retired small town business man. He speaks softly and looks as if he would not harm a flea. The casualities in his contingent in Korea have amounted to about 80% of its strength and he is now here getting replacements.

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Senator James Murray of Montana, [redacted] Chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, who had he not resigned from the Foreign Affairs Committee would occupy the place

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now held as chairman by Tom Connally, came to the office. I took him with me to the American Club lunch where Al Gruenther was the guest speaker. Al made a splendid presentation of the Shape organization and other matters. Immediately thereafter I went to 41 Faubourg Saint Honoré to see a French film which our Information people are thinking of sponsoring. It is a 23 minute subject. It depicts conditions in a French small town suddenly taken over by the Communists. Immediately aftereafter, I attended Nicholas' christening at the Pro-Cathedral. It passed off well and he was entirely quiet. Sasha has recovered from her operation, though she still looks pale, and was at the christening.

Back at the office, I saw M. Bousquet of the Banque de l'Indo Chine who has been helpful to us on several occasions. Then Mr. Henry Morgenthau came in and we had a long talk. He had a heart attack soon after his arrival in Paris and has canceled his proposed trip to Yugoslavia. Instead he is going to the Riviera.

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He expects to marry a French lady in the autumn.

He is as distrustful of Germany and the Germans as ever.

We sent off two long cables to-day and had numerous conferences regarding them on French economic and military production questions. It seems to me there must be a drastic reorganization of the machinery for handling foreign assistance at home, - a centralization of authority there and a less doctrinaire approach to these complicated questions.

Bob Bowie, Tommy and I then passed a couple of hours going over [redacted] plans for the European Army. I am thoroughly convinced that this is the best [redacted] way by which a German military contribution to Nato can be effected. Bringing such an army into being would be a triumphal step in the progress toward greater intergration in Western Europe.

Shortly after nine we went to the Union Interallié at 33 Faubourg Saint Honoré to the annual dinner of the club. We were guests at the table of the Duke and

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Duchess de la Rochefoucauld. I sat between Edmée de la Rochefoucauld and the Portuguese ambassadress, [redacted] a Greek by birth. There were several hundred people and the tables were out of doors. It was [redacted] chilly but fortunately there were only a few drops of rain and everything passed off successfully. After [redacted] dinner there were excellent fireworks at the end of the garden, [redacted] then dancing.

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Friday, June 29, 1951.

Joe Davies came to see me this morning and spent a long time going over the French situation.

Later we had a lunch for his wife and himself and the following: Mr. and Mrs. Owen Johnson, President & Mme Jacques Fourcade, Mr. and Mrs. John Dewitt Peltz, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parkman, M. & Mme Maurice Hennessy, the Iranian Ambassador and Madame Ebtehaj, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loewy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grey, Comtesse A. de Contades and Mr. Harry Crocker.

After lunch the Iranian Ambassador talked to me freely concerning the oil difficulties in Iran. He said he would like to pursue the conversation further, so he came to the office and we had a lengthy discussion, the gist of which I embodied in a personal telegram to George McGhee.

Tommy and Bob Bowie were in and out during the afternoon on the European Army question. Rob Foster, Bill's son, stopped by. He is a fine looking young

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fellow and is going to work with the Dupont Company in Buffalo this autumn.

I went over to see M. Schuman at 7.15 to-night. He gave me a French note on the Saar. He feels strongly that the Germans are stirring up trouble over the Saar at this time for domestic political reasons. Since its political fate is to be settled at the time [redacted] there is a peace treaty for Germany, this agitation for an immediate plebiscite or some other early settlement does not seem either practicable or wise.

To-night the Faucigny Lucinges, the de la Berandières [redacted] and the Alain de Rothschilds came to dinner. After dinner a dozen more [redacted] people arrived to form our group for the Etienne de Beaumont costume ball. We were dressed as a party going to the races in 1890. The costumes were really superb as a result of the trouble everyone had taken over them. Most of the French people were wearing clothes which had belonged to their

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grandfathers and grandmothers. I did what I could to remedy my modern frock coat by wearing a pointed salt and pepper beard and mustache. Evangeline had a red wig and a colossal flowered hat from Paulette with a lace dress - [redacted] by Dessès, that had belonged to her grandmother. Marie de Rothschild was, as always, particularly lovely. Unfortunately, Madame Martinez de Hoz, who is very beautiful, did not arrive on time at the house, so we picked her up at the Beaumonts in time for our entrance. There were several hundred people there in every possible variety of costume of the period and it was an uniquely attractive spectacle. Elsa Maxwell [redacted] led perhaps the [redacted] greatest success. She was dressed as Queen Victoria with a papier maché nose.

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Saturday, June 30, 1951

I spent the morning with Messrs. Bowie and Tomlinson working on the European Army matter.

We had a buffet lunch to-day for the various members of Congress who were here as well as for Secretary of Labor Tobin and his wife, Ambassador Chapin and his wife, and others.

Late this afternoon we went down to Versailles to spend the night.

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Sunday, July 8, 1951.

Charles and Yvonne Mendl, Harry Crocker, Jerome Zerbe and Dolly Dorelis came to lunch with us at Versailles.

I left in the middle of it to go over and meet Andrey and PZ at Orly. They had had a comfortable trip from New York. We came back to Versailles and with Jerome went to see the Pavillon of Madame du Barry at Louveciennes. This is a [redacted] beautiful property and it is a pity [redacted] something cannot be done to restore it and have it occupied.

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Monday, July 2, 1951.

General Schuyler, Doug MacArthur, two American officers from Shape, Tomlinson, Bowie and myself met this morning to go over the French proposal on the European Army. We agreed upon a working procedure to handle this between ourselves until such time as a European Army Conference report is agreed upon and made public. Tommy, Bowie and myself had sandwiches in the office and put the last touches on a twenty page cable regarding the above subject.

Secretary Tobin spent an hour and a half with me this afternoon. [redacted]. Chip and Evie Robert called. Then Arthur Bliss Lane who is going to Yugoslavia [redacted] shortly. He is to be a godfather for Nicholas, together with Averell Harriman and John Ryan. Donald Coster, once in OSS, came to see me. He has just been named Advertising Manager for the New York Herald Tribune in Europe. Ed Earle came in. He has been here for several weeks doing special work for

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General Eisenhower. I congratulated him on the excellent book he had recently edited containing contributions by various American scholars on present-day France. He says he shortly expects it to be translated into French.

Cy Sulzberger called. He thinks there has been a marked increase in the last few weeks in interest concerning the creation of an integrated Western Europe.

Bill Mellon, the sixteen year old son of my friend Larimer Mellon, stopped in. He is a bright, attractive boy. His father and stepmother are down in Liberia studying tropical diseases.

I went late this afternoon to see Dr. Loeffler at 19 avenue du Président Wilson, to have a tooth X-rayed before extraction.

About 7.30, Tommy and Bowie, Stan Cleveland and Bill Koren arrived at the house with our long telegram on the European army, which now only requires reading by Jimmy Riddleberger before being sent off.

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Tuesday, July 3, 1951.

The Haitian Ambassador, General Lavaud, came to see me this morning. He is a powerfully built man and seemed [redacted] intelligent. He was [redacted] friendly and flattering about what the United States has done for his country.

Pierre Montesquiou (Duc de Fezensac, reputedly a descendant of d'Artagnan) called to invite me to become a member of the Society of Musketeers, [redacted] recently [redacted] formed as a fellowship of distillers in the Armagnac region where he lives. I agreed to do so, and also to attend their first meeting in September near Toulouse.

David Nes and I went over to the Mont Blanc to lunch. Afterwards I saw Ted Achilles who was spending a day here, and Victor Gordon Lennox, the British journalist, who had also come over from London for a short stay.

Cranston Jones of Time-Life was here in connection with an article he is doing on various US embassies, and I responded to a great number of questions posed by

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him.

John Hughes came [redacted] to see me. He is going home on Thursday.

To-night we went to a reception given by Fra[redacted]e-Amérique and presided over by General Koenig, - this replaced the dance [redacted] usually they give on the night of the Fourth of July. We had a [redacted] pleasant time, - General Koenig and I made short speeches. Afterwards E. and I went to 20 rue Jacob, [redacted] the house of Miss Natalie Barney, [redacted] once the home of the famous actress Adrienne Lecouvreur. There is a beautiful Temple d'Amitié in the garden, [redacted] in a bad state of repair, although it is [redacted] classified as a national monument. The occasion for this gathering was the presentation of a literary prize to Marguerite Beaumont. There were many writers and [redacted] artists present. Afterwards we took Julian Green's sister home. She is a [redacted] distinguished

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literary figure herself. I found to my great surprise that Miss Barney's grandmother was a sister of my grandmother Este. She has lived in this house since 1909, and remained there during both wars. She is a notable figure in literary and artistic France.

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Wednesday, July 4, 1951

At noon

We had a reception in the garden of 41 Faubourg Saint Honoré for the Americans in Paris. There were a large number to whom invitations had been sent, and the others could get cards by presenting their passports at the Embassy. About 3,500 attended. Fortunately, it was a beautiful sunny day and all went well. The last guest departed at 1.20.

At three o'clock, I laid a wreath on the George Washington statue at Place d'Iéna; fifteen minutes later I laid another wreath on the Rochambeau statue, and the head of the Chapter and myself made speeches. We then went t the monument to the American Volunteers in the French Army at the Place des Etats-Unis where several speeches were made, including those by Dr. Billy Davenport and myself. From there I went with Colonel Whitcomb, who had accompanied me during the ceremonies, to the Picpus cemetery. There, General de Chambrun, Messmore Kendall, head of the American Chapter of Friends of

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Lafayette, and myself, made speeches.

Finally, E., Audrey and [redacted] went to the annual dance at the Cité Universitaire, and got home about one o'clock.

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Thursday, July 5, 1951

I took Audrey and PZ to lunch at the Mère Michèle. I was struck there by some bread baskets and a wine basket in simulated silver, and have ordered some of them.

Nicholas Nabokov came to see me this afternoon, and talked about the festival representing/[redacted] Atlantic Community culture which he and his associates would like to put on in Paris next year.

Ulius Amoss has just arrived here and visited me. He is expanding his Intelligence Digest and says he has received [redacted] interesting material from Russia and other Iron Curtain countries. Veronica is with him.

At 5.30, I went to see Dr. Loeffler and had my offending tooth extracted. It passed off satisfactorily, although it is something of a shock to the nervous system. I went home full of novocain and [redacted] to bed with a fever.

Friday, July 6, 1951

I stayed at home to-day, read a lot of office papers and brooded over the European Army.

Chip and Evie Robert came to lunch. Suydam and Helen Cutting and others were there. I sat with them but am eating nothing but yaghourt.

I went around to see the doctor this afternoon. He says everything is going along finely.

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Saturday, July 7, 1951.

I saw Cranston Jones of Time-Life this morning and had a good talk with him. Afterwards Phil Kaiser came in.

M. Parodi telephoned me about M. Schuman having a lunch for the Senators of the Foreign Relations Committee.

I had no lunch.

This afternoon, Messrs. Monnet, Alphand and Tomlinson came to see me and we had a long talk about the European Army. Jack McCloy had telephoned me from Frankfurt on the same subject.

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Sunday, July 8, 1951.

Went to the dentist this morning and then to Versailles. Peggy and Lew Douglas, Isabel Jackson, Robert de Billy, Edouard Bonnefous, Howland and Myrna Sargeant, Audrey, PZ, and the Jimmy Riddlebergers were there. We had a good time, marred only by a large blue and white Lafor china dish containing the whole lunch suddenly cracking in the middle and spilling the contents on Peggy - more or less ruining her dress. She was wonderfully calm about it.

When we came to town, I met Bob Richardson, Tommy and Stan Cleveland and we went over various European Army papers.

After dinner to-night, E., Audrey and myself went to see the fireworks at Dolly Tvede's house on the Boulevard de la Tour Maubourg. It was an amazing spectacle. There were an estimated 350,000 people on the Esplanade des Invalides and the adjoining streets. The roof tops in the vicinity were packed with spectators. Bands played. Cascades of white fire lit up the area, and

there were glorious and continuous bursts looking like Cartier jewels in the sky. The whole thing culminated about 12.30 with a salvo of projectiles that expanded into all sorts of curious forms and exploded as if they were massive artillery fire. This was the wind-up of the official celebrations of the two thousandth anniversary of Paris, generally known as "La Grande Bi". We saw it from Dolly's terrace, from which the view was admirable. Later, fire in some fashion was set to large portions of the Seine. The chief buildings of the city were picked out by brilliant illumination. I told Dolly I had been reading last night the memoirs of the Princess Antoine Radziwill and found them fascinating. She told me the author had been her mother-in-law.

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Monday, July 9, 1951.

I went to General Eisenhower's headquarters at 9.30 this morning where Al Gruenther and General Ike gave a briefing to the Senators of the Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Theodore Francis Green(Rhode Island) is Chairman, and the others were: Senators Brien McMahon (Connecticut), John J. Sparkman (Alabama), Guy M. Gillette (Iowa), Alexander Wiley (Wisconsin), Bourke B. Hickenlooper (Iowa), Charles W. Tobey (new Hampshire), Owen Brewster (Maine) and H. Alexander Smith (New Jersey). I got through about lunch time and came to the office.

At two o'clock I went to the meeting at the Talleyrand Palace where further briefing was given by Messrs. Spofford, Katz, General Handy, etc.

This afternoon, the Senators and about four hundred other people came to a reception at the house. I had little opportunity to do any work to-day, but it is useful to hear the explanations regarding rearmament given by the men who have responsibilities in this regard.

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[redacted] Tuesday, July 10, 1951 [redacted]

At 8.45 this morning we had a meeting at the house/with General Popovic (the Yugoslav who has recently returned from the United States via London in connection with his mission to obtain arms for the Yugoslav Army), the Yugoslav Minister (the Ambassador being ill and absent from France), General Eisenhower, Colonel Walters (as interpreter), and Doug MacArthur. Generals Eisenhower and Popovic had an extremely frank talk about what/military contribution Yugoslavia could make in the event of aggression. General Popovic is a short, wiry, intelligent, determined looking fellow. He expresses himself easily in French, and understands a considerable amount of English. He was particularly interesting on one point, namely, that in the event of Tito's removal - which he was careful to refer to as only as a possibility of temporary incapacity - the Yugoslavs were sufficiently united in opposition to Communist Russia's imperialistic designs to hold together against any aggression.

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At eleven o'clock I attended the plenary meeting of the European Army Conference. The Germans presented their new proposal, which it was quite evident took issue with the French proposition on several fundamental questions. As an observer, upon invitation, I made quite extensive remarks on the importance of the Conference agreeing upon as quickly as possible a preliminary report, even though it should expose areas of disagreement as well as of agreement.

This afternoon I had a long talk with Bill Humphreys about the European Army. I then saw Royall Tyler especially in regard to the educational scheme of his Committee for Free Europe which proposes to place a large number of students from Iron Curtain countries in Strasbourg University under the general supervision of an American instructor, whose functions will resemble those of a Dean in an American college.

I stopped to see the dentist for a few minutes

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before proceeding at seven o'clock to M. Schuman's office.

M. Schuman gave me an Aide Memoire on the subject of inviting Greece and Turkey to join NATO. As a practical matter, the French can take no decision on this point since their Government is technically no longer in existence, Prime Minister Queuille having resigned last night. M. Schuman said he thought the new Government would not be invested before the end of the month. It looks probable that M. Petsche will be asked to head the new cabinet. In that case, it is doubtful whether the Socialists would join. M. Schuman is also concerned at not getting any answer yet from the Department on his note regarding the Saar and he requested me to speed that up.

We all went tonight to a hearty meal at the Restaurant Mère Michèle. They had bought for me a couple of silvered bread b[illegible] as well as a wine basket. It is a [illegible] pleasant place, with about six tables, run by a Breton proprietor, aged 67, whose wife is from Normandy.

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Wednesday, July 11, 1951

I talked to Ty Wood this morning about the bilateral agreement between ECA and the Associated States. Bill Koren is going to discuss this further with him.

Emile Despres came to see me. He is a very talented man, and is going to Yugoslavia tomorrow on behalf of ECA to investigate the situation there.

We had lunch today at the Hotel de Ville with the Prefect of the Seine and Madame Haag. The others were: the Canadian Ambassador and Madame Vanier, the Belgian Ambassador and Baronne Guillaume, the British Ambassador and Lady Harvey, the Danish Ambassador, and the Haags' niece. We had a very good time. The Hotel de Ville is an ugly building, erected between 1875 and 1880, the previous one having been destroyed during the Commune. It has a charming and unexpectedly large garden, in front of the private apartments of the Prefect, which runs to the border of the street and overlooks the Seine.

Mr. Faus of the American Federation for Overseas Blind, came in to tell me about their meeting tomorrow, over which I am to preside.

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M. Henri Stuber, one of OSS's French agents in the last war called on me to express his readiness to engage in similar activities again if the opportunity presents itself.

Bert Jolis is back in Paris and I had a long [redacted] talk with him. He will remain here with Eva and the children for quite a time in connection with his [redacted] business, [redacted].

Lansing Warren of the New York Times called to discuss the European Army. Afterwards, I saw Gerald Mayer, who is leaving the Motion Picture Producers' Association, To Record [redacted] associated with Eastman Kodak.

Assistant Secretary of the Army Carl R. Bendetsen came in to see me and he, Tommy and I had a [redacted] talk about infrastructure in France. He is [redacted] keen and helpful.

I stopped at the dentist's, and then immediately after dinner took the girls to see Sacha Guitry's motion picture "Debureau". I had seen the play 25 years ago, and the movie was [redacted] well done.

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Thursday, July 12, 1951

Charlie White, President of Republic Steel, and Mr. Flandorf came to call this morning. They have been travelling extensively in Europe in connection with their business. I had another talk with Mr. Bendetsen about infrastructure and the petroleum pipe line. Bruce Hamilton came to see me. He had been with Bill Pawley in India.

I had lunch at Teddy White's with Preston Grover and Max Ascoli, publisher of The Reporter. Mr. Ascoli is a [redacted] vigorous man. We had a long discussion about the European Army as well as many other subjects.

Henry J. Taylor, the broadcaster, came in. He told me he had recently bought a house in the Farmington development at Charlottesville. His son graduated from the University of Virginia this summer with highest honors, and received the much coveted award for outstanding achievement in his class. I talked at considerable length to Harry about the European Army and other subjects.

M. de la Chauvinière, who has replaced Jacques Dumaine as Chief of Protocol at the Foreign Office, called on me. He is [redacted] friendly

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and affable -- I had known him previously in Tunis.

Jacqueline Patenôtre visited me to arrange for a reception for the Senators by the joint French Parliamentary Franco-American Friendship Committee. I then went to the dedication of the building formerly belonging to the "Phare de France" which was being formally given to the American Foundation for Overseas Blind. I introduced Dean Beekman, who delivered the Invocation; Princess Boncompagni, who turned the building over; and Mr. William Ziegler, President of the Foundation. This ceremony, attended by about 200 people, was succeeded by a Vin d'Honneur. From there, E. and I went to a reception given by Vivian and Milt Katz at 41, Faubourg Saint-Honoré.

About 7:30 I fetched up at the exhibition (of which I am a patron) of paintings by William E. Singer of scenes in Israel. I persuaded myself into buying one of these pictures which represents the birthplace of John the Baptist.

When I arrived home I found Tommy there with masses of papers about the French economy and the European Army.

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It was brought to my attention tonight that M. Petsche is [redacted] disturbed because he has heard the American Government is opposed to his becoming Prime Minister of France. President Auriol is supposed to have invited him today to form a cabinet. I understand that his friend, Wilfrid Baumgartner of the Bank of France, is going to see me on this subject. I anticipated this question by telephoning Wilfrid and stating that our Government never interfered in such matters of domestic policy and it was inconceivable to me that any responsible official would ever express such an opinion to the French Government. In any event, it would be incredible that, if such a thing had occurred, this Embassy would not be informed of it. Further, I had no knowledge whatever of any such statement having been made or being under contemplation and I totally disavowed the reliability of this report. I asked him to convey this message to Maurice Petsche. Petsche is extremely popular with our officials, and a [redacted] close personal friend of mine. Paris is a fertile breeding-ground for such malicious rumors.

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Friday, July 13, 1951.

We have been invited to attend meetings of the Steering Committee of the European Army Conference. Accordingly, I went there this morning with Messrs. Tomlinson and Koren, and Colonel Richardson. An examination of the French and German drafts was commenced point by point and I thought they made excellent progress. When the meeting adjourned, I went to a lunch which we were giving at the Residence for 18 people, including Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cafritz of Washington (regarding whom I had a letter from the Democratic National Committee), Mrs. Ira Nelson Morris, Assistant Secretary of the Army Bendetsen and his friends Messrs. Watkins and Robinson, Bert and Eva Jolis, Ulius and Veronica Amoss, (Mr. and Mrs. Hale philanthropists) [redacted] and others.

This afternoon, Mr. Louis Boehn came to see me with his wife and niece with a letter of introduction from Willard Thorp.

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Bill Hayter from the British Embassy called to sh[illegible] me the reply from his Government on the subject of [illegible]idering the Petersberg report on the European Army Conference.

I made a radio broadcast for use in the United States to-morrow on the subject of the Bastille Day parade. It was somewhat difficult to describe what [redacted] one had not yet seen.

Bill Hayter returned again to discuss with me the same subject on which I had seen him earlier, since soon after his departure we had received a cable regarding it from the Department. [redacted]

We had a cocktail party to-night for the representatives of the Federated Women's Clubs of Texas and other people. These ladies are touring Europe, presenting two scholarships per country to several European nations. We had a request that they make this presentation in the case of France to President Auriol and at the close they would sing

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"Deep in the Heart of Texas".

As soon as the party was over, E. and I went to dinner with that [redacted] attractive couple, the Portuguese Ambassador and his wife. She is Greek, but has not returned to Greece since her marriage about sixteen years ago.

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Saturday, July 14, 1951.

At half past eight this morning, dressed in a morning coat and top hat, I went from the Residence with Generals O'Hare and MacCloskey, and Captain Smith-Hutton, to witness the parade of the French Armed Forces on the Champs Elysées. The crowd lining the avenue must have been twice as large as last year. This is not surprising for the parade was about twice as good. For hours, materiel of every kind, and troops from many units, came past the reviewing stand in the center of which was President Auriol who had previously, to the accompaniment of loud hand clapping and flag waving, ridden in an open automobile up and down the Champs Elysées. [redacted] an assortment of airplanes [redacted] flew overhead, including one - "Mystère" - the new jet/just [redacted] turned out by the French aeronautical industry. The whole thing was excellently done with the exception of having a helicopter alight in front of the President's stand and scatter[redacted] dust

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all over the distinguished guests. However, this provided a note of comic relief.

Immediately afterwards, we went to the reception at the Elysée where I had a long talk with Wilfred Baumgartner. He is not certain that Petsche will be able to form a cabinet next week. If he fails, he believes that President Auriol will call first on René Mayer, and if that does not succeed, on René Pleven, to become Prime Minister. I also had a talk with the Iranian Ambassador about the situation in his country, which is desperately bad.

At 2.30 I went to see Averell Harriman who had arrived here this morning. We talked together, and later to Milt Katz and Lincoln Gordon. Averell and I went to the residence, where the Iranian Ambassador joined us; and they had a conversation before General Gruenther came in. Averell had expected to see General Eisenhower, but the General had been stricken with colitis the night before and rendered incapable of

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attending to-day's functions. He is staying in bed at Versailles.

A presumably drunken colonel called me from Shape this afternoon and wandered on as to why I could not furnish him with the address of the magazine "Esquire".

Virginia and Ashley Clarke had arrived this morning, but as I was constantly occupied I did not see them until to-night. His mother died at Dinard a couple of days ago. They only heard of it early this morning at Dijon, and are spending the night here before they push on to the Coast.

I left at 8.15 P.M. with Marie and Averell and saw them off from Orly for Iran.

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Sunday, July 15, 1951

I spent the morning at the office working particularly on a long letter I received yesterday from Dean Acheson about the European Army and the German contribution to NATO.

I had a walk in the afternoon with Audrey. Tommy and I after dinner to-night went over im great detail the proposition embodied in the Acheson letter.

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Monday, July 16, 1951

I talked for an hour and a half to Lincolm Gordon this morning about possible changes in the regional set-up here and in supporting organizations at home. Milt Katz has resigned as of about August 1st and no successor to him has yet been selected.

Colonel Jacobs discussed with me a method of handling air base contracts in France.

I had lunch in the office during the course of which Chuck Spofford telephoned me about infrastructure. Doug MacArthur called, and I gave him a copy of Dean Acheson's memorandum.

Mr. Dale Hopper, with a letter of introduction from the Democratic National Committee, came to see me, and afterwards Mr. Donald Carpenter of the Dupont Company, with his wife and daughter. Donald is a nephew of my old friend "Carp", a member of the 1718 H Street Club, who is now 85.

I had a conference this afternoon with Messrs.

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Parkman, Timmons, Reed and David Gordon of the ECA French Mission on how they should handle aid to the overseas territories. There is an inclination in Washington to restrict the use of such assistance to the procurement of strategic materials. All of us felt this would be a mistake and that the problem should be viewed on a broader basis.

Mr. Jay Lovestone, of the A. F. of L., came in and talked at considerable length about Kurt Schumacher. He believes Schumacher is less opposed to the Schuman Plan than he has previously been. Lovestone wanted me to send a cable to Averell in Teheran, which I have done, to ask Averell on his way back to the United States to come to Germany and have a conference with Schumacher. He would also like Schumacher to go to America and enter the Mayo Clinic. He believes one of the reasons Schumacher is so difficult to deal with is that he is constantly in great physical pain.

Dana Schmidt of the New York Times had a long talk with me about the European Army, on which he is now currently reporting.

I stopped at the chiropodist's and got home late.

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Tuesday, July 17, 1951

I went to the dentist at nine o'clock this morning and when I arrived at the office found Jack McCloy had already arrived. We had a long talk about German rearmament and the European Army before going over to discuss these questions with Messrs. Monnet and Alphand.

Jack McCloy, Al Gerhardt and Bob Bowie came to lunch with me. At 3:30, Jack, Al Gerhardt and I had a talk with Generals Eisenhower, Gruenther and Schuyler, and Doug MacArthur. General Eisenhower said he had definitely made up his mind that the European Army was the most advisable solution to the German rearmament problem and he intended to back it fully. He will immediately cable home setting forth the reasons for this stand and, if it is approved, will, if invited, send a personal representative to attend meetings on this subject.

Clarence Dillon came to see me this afternoon and I had a good talk with him. I thought he was looking much improved in health over last year.

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I then returned to Jack McCloy and his group, and we tried to get out a telegram which would express our joint views on Dean's memorandum regarding a German military contribution. We were unable to complete it before Jack flew off to Frankfurt and Tommy went with them.

Tonight, we dined with Pippa Haig, who is staying with us, and later I took a walk with Audrey.

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Wednesday, July 18, 1951

Doug MacArthur came to see me this morning regarding the talk we had yesterday with General Eisenhower about the European Army. I went to the European Army Conference at eleven o'clock. They are making fast progress, although there are many knotty details to be worked out.

Bernard Baruch, Kent Cooper of the Associated Press and his wife, and Preston Grover had lunch with me today. Mr. Baruch is mentally [redacted] alert and vigorous. He held forth at considerable length about his ideas regarding the control of prices of international raw materials having been disregarded and therefore a sharp rise in these prices has taken place.

This afternoon, Commissioner Glennan of the Atomic Energy Commission and some members of his staff and those of the State Department dealing with this undertaking came to see me. Aside from its military aspects, I was especially interested in [redacted] certain

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applications [redacted] being made in the medical field for the cure of brain tumors.

Mr. Linder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, [redacted] in civil life [redacted] President of the General American Investment Trust Company, told me of his negotiations in London on the subject of East-West trade.

Charlie Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture, and some of his staff, including Mr. Stanley Andrews and Mr. John McCune came in.

I saw Royall Tyler about the affairs of the Committee for Free Europe. Ulius Amoss called and discoursed about [redacted] his Intelligence Digest activities. Arthur Rosett from Baltimore, a marine sergeant who has recently had some of his paintings shown at the Grand Salon, called on me to see whether he could get employment in the Information Section of OSR. Earle Smith came to see me and I talked to him before going over [redacted] to the European Army Conference.

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After the Conference was over, I had a conversation with Mr. Blank, head of the German Delegation, and asked him, if he could possibly do so, to keep his Delegation at the Conference without intermission until a report could be concluded. He said [redacted] he would do this, and hoped [redacted] they could finish their labors by the end of this week.

I went to a farewell cocktail party given by the Parkmans at 17 rue Alfred Dehodencq. When I returned home, I found Ashley and Virginia there, and we all had dinner together.

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Thursday, July 19, 1951.

I went to the European Army Conference this morning and they are making satisfactory progress. This afternoon I returned again to the [redacted] Conference.

During the day I also saw Mr. Le Baron who is here on a special mission for Secretary George Marshall. I had an [redacted] interesting talk with him regarding the specialized field in which he is operating.

Admiral Sherman came to see me at the end of the afternoon. He said [redacted] his conversations with Franco had resulted in an understanding about our using Spanish air base facilities which would be followed up by the despatch to Spain of a working team to develop arrangements. He is an attractive and able officer.

When I went home I found Francis Miller there. He is on his way through Paris to attend a meeting of the Council of Protestant Churches in Geneva.

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To-night I went to dine with the Thayers. The

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Katzes and Allen Dulles were there, and the men had a long talk after dinner with Allen about CIA. The Thayers have taken Johnny Lucinge's apartment - and a beautiful one it is - on the rue de Presbourg, overlooking the Etoile.

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Friday, July 20, 1951.

This morning we had a briefing of the Senators on the situation in France. General Richards, Henry Parkman and myself handled it. It was lengthy, and I think instructive. I gave a buffet lunch afterwards at the house for about fifty people.

At 3.30 I went with the Senators to introduce them to President Auriol. He talked frankly, especially about the situation in Spain. He explained that he could only discuss it from a personal standpoint, as the powers of his office were limited and he could say nothing official on behalf of the government. He had no objection to bilateral talks between the United States and Spain, but hopes [redacted] they can be discreetly conducted. However, he would be unalterably opposed to bringing Spain into NATO so long as Franco remains the head of state. He thinks [redacted] if Franco were eliminated and Spain adopts democratic procedures for the free exercise of suffrage there would be no difficulty

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in associating her closely with the other Western European Powers.

At five o'clock, I went with the Senators to a meeting in President Herriot's palace next to the Palais Bourbon, presided over by Jacqueline Patenôtre, of the Joint Parliamentary Committee for Franco-American Friendship. Jacqueline Patenôtre and Paul Reynaud made speeches, to which Senator Green, the Acting Chairman, [redacted] responded.

To-night I took the girls to see "Caroline Chérie", - a French film of the Revolution, full of blood, thunder and intrigue.

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Saturday, July 21, 1951.

This morning I had a talk with Ty Wood.

M. Schuman has declined President Auriol's invitation to try and form a cabinet, and René Mayer has now been entrusted with task.

I spent most of the morning working om the European Army, conferring with Alphand, Tomlinson, etc. I also attended part of the briefing session on Holland - a presentation of which was made to the Senators.

Bob Murphy came to see me. He had finished his report to the Committee.

At one o'clock I went to a lunch [redacted] M. Schuman gave for the Senators. Afterwards he talked to them freely and effectively, especially of his convictions about European Federation.

After lunch, I took the congressmen to 41 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré and they viewed it from the standpoint of its possible conversion into an Embassy

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residence.

Upon our return, I met Perle Mesta in the court-yard. She was taking some of the members of the Committee with her to Luxembourg to spend the day.

To-night, E., Pz., Audrey and myself went to Versailles.

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Sunday, July 22, 1951

General Eisenhower held a [redacted] good briefing session for the Senators at his new headquarters at Marly this morning. It was followed by cocktails and lunch. These buildings, [redacted] finished in a remarkably short space of time, are [redacted] well constructed and seem perfectly suited to their purpose.

I went back to the Pavillon, where Allen Dulles joined us for lunch. Afterwards, we spent several hours discussing CIA.

We took a long walk in the park tonight.

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Monday, July 23, 1951

I had said I would not be at the office this morning, but came in nevertheless and got some work done. I did not remain for the afternoon, but stayed at home and read various papers.

Tonight, E., Audrey and myself had dinner at the restaurant Bruisson on [redacted] Avenue George V.

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Tuesday, July 24, 1951

On Sunday, Admiral Sherman died suddenly of a heart attack at Naples. He was 54 years old. This will be a great loss. Marshal Pétain died yesterday at the age of 95. King Abdullah of Trans Jordan was assassinated in a mosque at Jerusalem the day before yesterday.

Tom Blaisdell called on me this morning. He is on leave from his university and is making a tour of Europe on special business connected with E.C.A.

Allen Dulles stopped in and we had a further talk on subjects we had discussed Sunday. I saw Gerry Mayer for a few minutes. He will shortly join the Embassy staff.

Dana Schmidt of the New York Times called on me to get background on the European Army.

E. and I went to lunch at 20, Quai d'Orléans with Johnston and Margie Garrett. They had with them her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Dodge. The Dodge family has for generations taken a great interest, both financial and personal, in the American

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University at Beirut. Most of the members of the family, including Margie, speak Arabic.

This afternoon I attended the Steering Committee, and afterwards the Plenary Committee meeting of the European Army. Alphand, who has made an excellent presiding officer, announced the acceptance by General Eisenhower of the invitation that he be represented at further Conference sessions by an observer or observers. He intends to have as his chief representative General Michaelis, [redacted] lately arrived from Korea, where he had a fine combat record. The interim report was approved and will be forwarded at once to the various governments concerned. Each head of Delegation, including the Canadian, the British and our own, offered [redacted] congratulatory remarks. This interim report contains [redacted] important statements of principle, such as that there will be no discrimination against any of the participants, that the army will fall under the command of SHAPE, that it is a further essential step toward European Federation, etc. The areas of disagreement are comparatively limited. The Conference will now press

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ahead, and will attempt to reduce its project to treaty form.

Tonight, E. and I went to the apartment occupied temporarily at No. 1 Gît le Cœur, by Ludwig Bemelmans and his wife. It has a wonderful view up and down the Seine, and particularly of Notre Dame. A picnic supper had been sent in from the Mediterranée with champagne. Carmel Snow, Marie Louise Bousquet, the famous actor Louis Jouvet, and a [redacted] pretty girl from his company, were the other guests. We spent a highly enjoyable evening. After leaving there, E. and I went to the Mont Blanc for a light snack. It was a beautiful night. M. Maillard, the proprietor, told me his affairs are not going [redacted] well owing to the rise in prices of materials which enter into the management of a restaurant.

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Wednesday, July 25, 1951

René Mayer announced this morning his inability to form a government. President Auriol then called upon Georges Bidault to see what he could do.

H. P. Martin, Chief of Personnel, Department of State, came to see me and explained his program for additional recruitment.

Doug MacArthur brought in Brigadier General Michaelis, who is to be General Eisenhower's principal observer at the European Army Conference. Michaelis is an exceptionally attractive-looking man of about forty; [redacted] has had a brilliant army career.

I spent a long time with Hank Byroade both this morning and this afternoon discussing German problems. He is going to Frankfurt tomorrow and back to the Department on Saturday.

E. and I had lunch with Elizabeth and David Nes at 87, Quai d'Orsay. They have a beautiful apartment belonging to General Tate's wife.

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Marguerite Higgins came to see me this afternoon. She is going to substitute for Walter Lippmann during his long vacation and is leaving for Spain to-night to interview General Franco. She is [redacted] good looking, and animated [redacted].

Clarence Brooks reappeared at the office for the first time to-day. He looks comparatively well in view of the seriousness of his illness. He expects to leave for home next month, and will not be assigned to a new post until his health has been completely restored. It is not clear whether the embolism which precipitated his trouble did not come as a result of a tooth extraction.

To-night, Marietta and Ronny Tree and the Pattons had dinner with us - Marietta looking [redacted] beautiful. It was fine to see them again, but they are going back to-morrow.

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Thursday, July 26, 1951

I went to the dentist at nine o'clock this morning. I wish my jaw would heal.

Mr. Metzman, President of New York Central Railroad, called on me and we had a pleasant conversation. The next visitor was James Douglas, the brother of Lew, formerly with the Phelps Dodge Company and more recently an assistant to Charlie Wilson in Washington. He is spending a short vacation in Europe and I am going to see whether ECA can entice him into working with them. I believe he is the type they need as an Industry Adviser. He is a mining engineer by profession.

The American Club lunch to-day was to honor Milt Katz and Henry Parkman who are about to return to private life. Unfortunately, Milt was in Washington for congressional testimony. Bob Marjolin, Ty Wood and myself made short speeches, and Henry Parkman concluded with an exceptionally good one.

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Mr. Warren Vinton and his wife, with a letter from Raymond Foley, the Housing Administrator, came to see me this afternoon. Vinton has been for many years a member of that agency.

I saw Joe Warner from St. Louis, a great friend of Russ Forgan. He is about to go over with his wife to Scotland to shoot grouse.

Ted Rousseau, Jr., came in. He has just returned from Spain -- a country he knows well -- and we talked about various art matters. He is going up to have a look at the Cezannes at the Embassy Residence.

Chester Dale told me goodbye. He is about to go home.

Mr. C. V. Starr, with whom I used to work in OSS, and who once had large business [redacted] interests in China, called with Mr. Chancellor, an Englishman who is a cousin of Evangeline. Starr has shifted much of his attention to Latin America and the continent of Europe. He said it cost his company 120 thousand dollars to have one of their employees released lately by the Chinese Communists. There still remains one employee -- a young American -- in captivity. He is being held incommunicado but they hope to get him out. Starr closed down his

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Shanghai newspaper quite a long time ago.

Mr. Casner, a lawyer representing the Secretary of the Air Force, came to see me. He is shortly going to Libya to work out some air base arrangements there.

At the tail end of the evening Messrs. Riddleberger, Byroade, Tomlinson, Bowie, Richardson and myself had a long talk about how to set up the American participation in the European Army Conference. The general consensus was that McCloy and myself should be observers; McCloy should have a representative in Paris, and we would locally utilize more or less the same staff that worked on the Schuman plan.

M. Paul Reynaud, failing M. Bidault's unsuccessful attempt to form a French cabinet, has in turn declined the task.

Tonight we had a dinner at the house for sixteen people, including the Blaisdells, and went afterwards to see -- the second time for E. and myself -- that magnificent film "The Third Man".

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Friday, July 27, 1951

I went to the dentist this morning. Afterwards, Judge Dickstein, Justice of the Supreme Court of New York who was a Congressman for twenty odd years, came to see me. Thereafter, a delegation of 57 American citizens who are going to Israel arrived. They were headed by Mr. Slonim of Saint Louis. There was quite a lot of speech making and photographing.

We had lunch with Jacqueline Patenôtre at 58, Avenue Foch to meet M. Daladier. The former Premier was [redacted] lively, seemed in excellent health, and thought M. Petsche would be the logical man now to form a government.

Cap Conway came to see me and talked a good deal about the affairs of his Cosmopolitan Shipping Company, as well as of the necessity of making large coal shipments to the continent from the United States this autumn and winter. He is travelling on the continent with his family and, as always, it was a great pleasure to see him.

Geoff Parsons called on me and we discussed various international problems.

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I had a long talk with Preston Grover and afterwards with Mr. Borchgrave, who is taking Loren Carroll's place in Newsweek. He will, however, operate on a regional and not on a purely French basis. He is well equipped for the task, and has an unusual command of foreign languages, including Polish.

My old friend Paul Silberstein came to see me; also Hervé Alphand to discuss the European Army. Thérèse Bonney came to thank me for the help we had given Raoul Dufy, the famous painter, in connection with his trip to America. General Richards and myself had a [redacted] talk about the preparation of cables and reports representing the joint views of the Embassy, MAAG and ECA France.

I went to 41, rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré to meet a group of negro Protestant clergymen and their wives who are making a European tour. Most of them are from Detroit. I then stopped at the Bonsals'. He was celebrating their installation in their new house -- the one in which Chip formerly lived.

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Saturday, July 28,1951.

We went out this morning to attend the wedding of David Carter - Bunny and Hope's son - to Mademoiselle de Leusse at Senlis Cathedral. It was a [redacted] beautiful wedding. Afterwards, E. and I stopped for lunch at Chantilly, and we went [redacted] to-night with PZ and Audrey to Versailles.

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Sunday, July 29, 1951

A beautiful, hot day. They have begun to cut the wheat on the Versailles farm.

Bettina Ballard, who runs Vogue, Polly Howe, and Eddie Page came to lunch. Afterwards, Jean Monnet drove from Bazoches to see me. We had a long conversation regarding the possibility of taking a further step toward European Federation, possibly the calling of a constitutional convention.

We spent the night at Versailles.

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Monday, July 30, 1951

General Vanier came to see me this morning about the difficulties experienced by Canadian citizens in obtaining visas for the United States. It seems rather silly that they should experience such delays since they can always go to the United States via Canada by the presentation of a simple identification card.

Jim Farley came in with Otis Gray, who superintends the operations of Coca Cola with the armed forces in Europe. Karl Quimby, Cultivation Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, with a group of about fifty, called on me. I made what I hope was an appropriate speech about conditions in Europe.

Eddie Trueblood came to say goodbye. He is off almost immediately to his post in Uruguay, and I am sorry to see him leave.

Arthur and Cornelia Lane and Gladys de Polignac had lunch with us.

This afternoon I saw Mr. William Frye of the National Broadcasting Company, Tom Blaisdell, Andrew Carey and his wife, and, last, Elim O'Shaughnessy, who is making his way to his new post in Moscow.

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Tuesday, July 31, 1951

E., Audrey and I went to Jacques Fath's opening last night.

E., PZ, Audrey and myself left by plane from Orly at 10.10 this morning and arrived at Vienna at two o'clock. We were met by Arthur Compton, who used to be at the Paris Embassy, and transported to the Bristol Hotel, requisitioned by the U.S. Army, and used for lodging U.S. Military and VIP's. Down the street, the Soviets occupy the Grand and the Imperial Hotels, while the British have the famous Sacher's.

It is a scorching hot day. As soon as we had left our baggage in a vast corner suite giving on the Opera House and Karnther Ring, we went forth to shop and sight-see. The city shows everywhere signs of great destruction both from bombing and artillery fire. The restoration work is, however, proceeding apace, and the Opera House should be in condition to function this winter. What a superb city it is, with its grand public buildings, and

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exceptionally fine monuments, statues, cathedrals, churches, baroque and classical palaces.

I spent a pleasant hour in Harbig's trying on their famous hats. The exchange rate is 26 Schillings to the dollar, and the most expensive man's hat works out at about $7.50.

We had lunched on the plane, and to-night had dinner at Eckel's, a restaurant highly recommended by Art Buchwald and others. I had crawfish soup, chicken livers and rice and Turkish coffee, - all specialities of the house. We had a pleasant white Austrian wine, after having thirstily consumed pots of the delicious local beer. The other ate trout, veal and various Viennese dishes.

I finished The Moulin Rouge to-night - the life of Toulouse-Lautrec by Pierre La Mure. It is sloppily written, but a gripping story of the remarkable and unhappy artist.

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Wednesday, August 1, 1951.

Coburn Kidd (once with OSS) collected us this morning and took us to the Changing of Command which occurs once a month. To-day the Soviet [redacted] were taking over from the French. We stood on the steps of the International Headquarters and had a good view of the impressive ceremony.

A French detachment, preceded by a French military band, lined up on one side of the square. Then a burst of music announced the forthcoming arrival of the Soviet military band which marched into formation next to the French musicians. A [redacted] smart Soviet military detachment snapped into place on the side of the square opposite the French.

From the interior of the Headquarters building, bulky Soviet [redacted] Generals, and slighter shorter French officers, emerged and stood at attention on the steps while the bands played their respective national anthems, and very stirring both of them [redacted]

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Then, after a lot of presenting and grounding of arms by all hands, there was a march past - the French quitting the scene, the Soviet taking over. The French troops looked small, amiable and intelligent. The Russians were tall, ferocious, and moved with a modified goose step like automatons, each one's bayonet presented at the nape of the neck of the soldier in front of him.

We went for lunch to a famous restaurant on Franzishaner Platz, and ate scampi, Wiener Schnitzel and wild strawberries with great bowls of whipped cream.

At 2.30, Mr. Chapin of the Legation picked us up and took us shopping. His speciality is Viennese porcelain. We saw quite a lot, but his favorite shops were closed for August. Nevertheless, E. and I did buy a baroque clock, a small coffee service of Meissen, with quaint figures of monkeys and giraffes, and finally a large Empire glass chandelier for $140., which if I can ever get it home might do admirably at Staunton Hill.

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It was very hot this afternoon, so we drowned ourselves in cool Pilsener draught beer. With scarcely a pause, we went out for dinner in the Vienna Woods, the green ring around the city, once an Imperial Hunting preserve. We went to Kahlenberg with its superb view, before motoring over and down a little to Cobenzl where we dined excellently on a terrace, with Vienna spread out miles below like a gigantic illuminated tapestry.

E. bought clothes for the children at Neumann's to-day. We took a short walk to-night through a portion of this romantic [redacted] city.

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Thursday, August 2, 1951

E. and I went across the street this morning to a sidewalk café and had breakfast, consisting of the justly famous Viennese coffee with whipped cream, croissants, jam and fresh unsalted butter. Food here in American money terms is low in price. For Austrians, however, the cost of living is almost unbearably high. Unskilled laborers receive as little as 20 dollars a month and skilled ones 50 to 60 dollars. Without U. S. aid, saddled with occupation costs, the country would be in a hopeless economic condition; as it is, there is no downright starvation, but there is no prosperity.

At ten o'clock, Allen Dulles' son-in-law, Mr. Fritz [redacted] Molden, the editor of the leading newspaper, came to see me. I had heard much of him and of his gallant record during the war. I was even more agreeably taken with him than I had anticipated. He is charming, alert, philosophical, cultivated, and mature far beyond his years, which must

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number about thirty. We had a long talk - much of it depressing - on topics such as the present purge in Hungary of the intellectuals and the bourgeoisie, that is expected to liquidate with finality those classes of the population.

Afterwards, I went out to our Legation office building, an eminently suitable one. I had a [redacted] pleasant conversation with Walter Donnelly, whom I like and admire so much. He makes a magnificent High Commissioner.

I got back in time to take the girls to a late lunch at Ghiechenbeisl, one of the oldest restaurants in Vienna. The foundations go back to Roman days, and the tower was part of the old city fortifications. We had sausages, goose, beer, wine and coffee, - all [redacted] appetizing. At 2.30 we went to the Hofburg, but found the Baroque exhibition closed, and were in fact denied admission to any part of the building. This Imperial

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Palace is immense, parts of it beautiful, especially the emblems on the cornices. A huge portrait of Stalin surmounts one door, and to-day the red flag, with hammer and sickle, flies on a staff at the highest point, over the armorial shield of the Hapsburgs.

From there we went to Schonbrun, and were enchanted with its Austrianized Louis XV. interiors. Also the collection of old coaches was fascinating, as was the menagerie, which bore a marked likeness to the plans of the Duchesse de Bourgogne's menagerie at Versailles. There were wolves, lions, tigers, a cross between a lion and tiger, giraffes, monkeys, etc. The baroque pavilion where Queen Maria Theresa used to eat breakfast is beautiful.

We only had time to wash before setting out for dinner at the Lindenkeller, a restaurant dating from 1435, in the lee of St. Stephens' cathedral. It was cool and delicious there after the great heat of the day.

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Friday, August 3, 1951.

[redacted] little sleep last night. The street outside is filled with din from about four in the morning. Many of the street cars are cast offs from the old Third Avenue Line in New York City, and they grind away during the early hours of the morning in a fashion [redacted] disturbing to an unaccustomed ear.

E. and I could not rouse the girls to early action, so we went off to our breakfast place of yesterday, where all foreign papers of consequence are available to customers.

[redacted] Hot and sunny this morning. We have stores of guide books, pamphlets, histories of Austria and especially of Vienna. One has the impression it would take months to see only the most important curiosities of this magnificent city.

We saw the sights to-day. St. Stephen's Cathedral - badly shattered by bombing but now being repaired. A noble edifice. The Upper and Lower Belvedere. The former

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cannot be entered since it is being restored from its injuries. The lower, [redacted] beautiful baroque, with a marvelous porcelain stove like the ones at Schonbrun. Prince Eugène, who built them both, had a fine eye for architecture, [redacted] We visited the famous Schwarzenberg Palace with its glorious park. It also is badly damaged, but with the expenditure of large sums could be put back in condition. Prince Schwarzenberg lives in a few rooms on a colonnade -- the Swiss Legation occupies the one opposite.

We descended into the magnificent and gloomy crypt of the Capucines, where the Hapsburgs are laid away by the score in their pewter or lead coffins. That of Maria Theresa is remarkably sumptuous and ornamented. We visited Beethoven's house, and the charming abode of Schubert's "Three Girls of Lilac Time". We strolled about the spacious park of the Lichtenstein Summer Palace, and viewed from the street their Winter Residence. Last, we saw possibly the finest baroque (about 1710, I think) palace

in Vienna - that of the Traut'son family - now the offices for the cultural activities of the Peoples Government of Hungary. The Russians erected some years ago to commemorate their liberation of Vienna (on which they have battened ever since) a huge monument that shuts off a view of the Schwarzenberg Palace. It is ugly but prominent.

We lunched to-day at the Kursalon in its ample garden.

To-night Fritz McDee Generously took us all to a "Neurigen" in Sievering. This is the festival of the new wine, and picturesque. The wine is white, slightly tart, and deceptively innocent on early impact. After a litre of it has been drunk, it begins to assert its authority. These little outdoor taverns are, by guild law, forbidden to serve any wine except that of the proprietor's own production, which may come from vineyards only a mile away. We sat at trestle tables in a steeply terraced garden. The other drinkers were

Austrians, many of them from the immediate neighborhood. Most of them had brought their own food with them and paid only for the wine. We were, however, more formally regaled with excellent pork sausages, baked chicken or Wiener Schnizel.

This particular Neurigen was the musical locale of Carol Reed's "The Third Man". In despair as to what music to choose for it, he, while listening to the zither-playing owner, decided to adopt his tunes and have him play them for the film. The result was great success for the musician, a large fortune in royalties, and a rage for zithers. These are hand-made, and about thirty a year were fabricated by the musician. He was flabbergasted when he received an order from the United States for the immediate delivery of 300,000.

Dr. Flamarion (?) who came with Molden and ourselves is a Progressive Catholic, witty, keen, [redacted] knowledgeable about international politics and a singer of no mean talent. He and the zither player sang for an hour or so.

Well soaked in wine, we should have gone home, it

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being late, but our hosts, with ebullient Viennese gaiety and hospitality, insisted on taking us up to Cobenzl. There we drank a delicious punch compounded of champagne white wine and peaches, and E. and PZ did some dancing. We got to bed about two. It had been a heavenly evening thanks to our charming Austrian companions. We also had long, and to me interesting, [redacted] conversations about Iron Curtain as well as other political matters.

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Saturday, August 4,1951.

Arose at eight. E. and I went over to our breakfast haunt for a last cup of fragrant Viennese coffee. Then I was interviewed and photographed by men from [redacted] Molden's newspaper (the most independent and influential one, I am told, in Austria.)

About 9.30, after a comprehensive distribution of largesse, we got under way, surrounded by baggage, packages, paper bags, bottles of wine and sandwiches for lunch, umbrellas, overcoats, as well as the chandelier in a wooden packing box. Arrived at the airport we discovered [redacted] the crate was too large for the plane door, so it had to be abandoned to the care of Colonel Gillette the Air Attaché who [redacted] volunteered to forward [redacted] if possible somehow [redacted] to Paris.

Airborne at 11.10 a.m. A scorching hot day. I am reading The United States and France by Donald C. McKay, once in OSS, Professor of History at Harvard. It is [redacted]

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engrossing and admirably written. I bought in Vienna General Bradley's book, as well as Cronin's History of the Hapsburgs, so have plenty of reading matter for the trip.

Exactly four hours to Orly, where David Nes met us with numbers of cables and letters to sign.

The weather is lovely and not hot. We came down to Versailles to-night,-ourselves, the girls and the boys.

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Sunday, August 5, 1951.

Overcast and breezy this morning at Versailles.

June (Dunderdale) Taylor and her husband, Daddy Myers, Jerome Zerbe, Windsor French, Griselda and Hervé Alphand lunched with us.

I had a talk with Hervé about the European Army and also the French political situation. Petsche has failed of investiture, and René Pleven has been called upon by the President to form a cabinet. I think he has a good chance of succeeding.

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Monday, August 6, 1951.

Lots of business at the office this morning. Phil had, however, [redacted] efficiently as usual, taken care of all matters that had come up during my absence in Vienna.

I said goodbye to Allen Dulles, and told him how [redacted] much we liked his Austrian son-in-law.

Lunched in the office, and went at 2.30 to Marly to see General Gruenther. Had a long talk with him and Cort Schuyler about the European Army.

I returned late for my appointment with Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska, [redacted] upstanding [redacted] man, three times Governor of that State. Then followed a long interview with Congressman Fred E. Busby of Illinois who, with his wife, is making a three-months' trip in Europe at his own expense to study conditions on the ground. I enjoyed talking to him.

Paul Nitze came in and I found his views and reflections of great interest. He has such a keen mind and agreeable personality.

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I ran over various matters with Woodie, Bill Koren, Bob Thayer, Paul Birdsall, Phil and others before dragging myself not unreluctantly from the office about eight o'clock.

PZ and Audrey went this morning to Brussels for a short visit.

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Tuesday, August 7, 1951.

E. and I, accompanied by two sleepy boys, took the train at 9 a.m. from Gare Saint Lazare to Deauville. It is cool to-day and overcast. I am working on the revision of my essays. We had a two and one-half hour journey, left our things at the Normandie Hotel, and walked down to the little cottage we rented for the children on Rue Général LeClerq. In view of the exhorbitant price we had to pay for it - about $1200. for two months - it is not Too satisfactory, but serves its purpose, for the kids look healthy. We had lunch with them. E. took them in a light drizzle to the beach, and I walked to Trouville and back.

To-night E. and I dined at the Casino, where we saw M. André, the proprietor, and Henri Bernstein. We did no gambling, but nonetheless did not bed down until 1 a.m.

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Wednesday, August 8, 1951

An unpromising looking morning, [redacted] rain.

[redacted] lunch with the children. Thereafter, the rain poured down. I played with Sasha and David, intermittently working on the essays.

Tonight, we went for dinner at Trouville in a small fish restaurant -- the Régence. The food was delicious, especially the great specialty of Trouville -- mussels.

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Thursday, August 9,1951.

We left Deauville in the rain this morning at 9.10 a.m. by the Michelin, which whizzed down to Paris in about two hours. Carlos stayed behind with the children. Went straight to the office, where there was plenty to do. The Belgian Ambassador, Baron Guillaume, came to see me this afternoon. Van Zeeland is concerned over the European Army embracing all military units of the participating countries from the outset. I explained that this seemed the only feasible way to avoid discrimination against the Germans, and possibly to avoid the creation of a German national army.

I presented, on behalf of many members of the Embassy, a silver tray to Clarence Brooks who is shortly going home to recuperate.

René Pleven received the impressive total of 391 votes yesterday for investiture as Premier, with the Gaullists and Communists abstaining.

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The French Government, after formation, is likely to approach us with the warning that it cannot carry out its NATO commitments, and at the same time support the war in Indochina. It will ask financial assistance for the latter, which will soon cost about one billion dollars a year.

To-night Senator Blair Moody of Michigan, and Vivian and Milt Katz came to dinner with us. Moody, a former newspaper man, appointed by the Governor to fill Vandenberg's place, is [redacted] easy in conversation.

PZ and Audrey returned from Brussels before midnight.

I had a letter from Jim Bruce, saying that Hellé Bonnet was making [redacted] disagreeable remarks in Washington about E. and myself in connection with Margaret Truman's trip, apparently feeling that she -- Hellé - had been slighted by us in not being constantly with Margaret. Since Hellé never should have come here at that time and try

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to run Margaret's tour in France, this talk of hers bores and somewhat irritates me. We did not, it is true, ask her for the only large dinner we gave for Margaret, but that was because we wished to make it as unofficial as possible, especially since Margaret had asked that all official entertainment be reduced to a minimum. On the one occasion, a trip to Chartres, where we might have asked Hellé to accompany us, Margaret asked us not to do so. What I regret is that Margaret's desire, aside from the Auriol and Petsche entertainments, not to see any French officials was so faithfully observed by us. I expect, in her dudgeon, Hellé will make trouble for us with the President and Madame Auriol, with whom we have always had such an unusually pleasant relationship. This would be unfortunate, for I can never explain Margaret's attitude either to the Auriols or the Bonnets. In trying to protect her, I unprotected ourselves. But tant pis. Another one of her criticisms is that we prevented Margaret from attending the Sunday races at Longchamps. We had urged her vigorously to attend this lively spectacle, but she refused for fear

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it would get her father in trouble with the church people at home.

In our private party for her, she had asked, if possible, to meet some of the famous French musicians and composers, whom Helle characterized as unsuitable company for her.

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Friday, August 10, 1951.

E., PZ, Audrey, Brewster and I left Orly at 10.10 this morning by air for Vannes for a ten day vacation at Port Manech on the Brittany coast. Eugène met us there [redacted] in the Pontiac Station Wagon, and we drove 120 kilometers through Quimperlé to our destination, the Hotel Julia at Port Manech. This is a sort of village of stone bungalows in pine woods on a light-house bluff overlooking the Atlantic. There is a central dining room, but otherwise one has little sense of being in a hotel. We stopped for lunch, en route, at a mill converted to a restaurant, where we had an enormous meal and good Muscadet. This afternoon we walked along the cliffs at Port Manech through blooming heather, to the bathing beach about two miles distant. It was too late to swim, but we hope to commence to-morrow. The sky to-night is starred, so prospects of fair weather seem promising.

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Saturday, August 11,1951.

Awoke to find it raining and cold. We bundled into sweaters, and spent the day reading and eating the tempting hotel fare. We are alongside a fishing village, and every sort of crustacean [redacted] is brought in here. The Germans occupied this installation during the war, and, according to the proprietor, almost completely ruined it. However, it is now restored, the mine fields cleared, and the only reminders of their erstwhile presence are deep cement casements in the cliffs, which make good bases for ornamental gardening.

There are about thirty or forty guests scattered around in the grounds of this hotel. We only see each other at meals, where there is a [redacted] satisfactory table d'hôte. To Brewster's terror [redacted] several police dogs roam [redacted] fiercely about. He spends most of his time wrapped in a blanket, shivering.

To bed at eleven o'clock, having finished the essay on George Washington.

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Sunday, August 12, 1951.

Breakfast at 8.30. A gloomy morning, but faint indications of clearer weather. Traff Klots called from Rochefort-en-Terre, 125 miles away, and is coming over to-morrow. It rained all day, but we got in several short walks, and I did a lot of work on my book, with E's indispensable help.

Sat up until midnight and had a [redacted] satisfactory talk with darling Audrey.

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Monday, August 13,1951.

Traff arrived this morning. Isobel was unable to come, as she has relatives staying at Rochefort. A fine day but too cold to swim - we are still enveloped in sweaters. The food here is superb - we are next to a river from which the best Belon oysters come; they are edible all seasons. We are imbibing Muscadet with freedom.

Traff started my portrait this afternoon, to be presented to the Embassy when I leave it by a committee of the American Club. I am sorry to have it done during this vacation, but am sure I would never have time to sit for it in Paris. It is wonderful having a great friend like Traff paint it, for we can joke and have a good time. Then E. comes in, and we correct essays, while he works. The girls are perfect companions and are enjoying themselves.

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Tuesday, August 14,1951.

Pleven's cabinet includes many of my friends. He has made René Mayer and Georges Bidault Vice Presidents, - the former Finance Minister, the latter Minister of Defense; they will, however, be relieved of many routine duties by each having a Minister to conduct departmental affairs. This seems a good innovation.

The papers are several days late here. The Cabinet was approved Saturday night by 390 votes, and the Parliament has recessed to August 21.

Beautiful weather to-day. Still too cold to swim. I was indoors all day being painted. I do think [redacted] Traff is one of the most attractive individuals I have ever met, also one of the nicest. He has the bearing of a 19th century guardsman, [redacted] good looking, [redacted] masculine, full of humor and courtesy, great talent as a painter, excellent company.

To-night he took us all to Concarneau, where he had once studied. This famous fishing town, its harbor

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filled with tuna and sardine boats, gaily painted, the sails blue or rust-colored or pink, is well worth a visit. The inner city - in effect an island - is pure 17th and 18th century. Its fortifications by Vauban are perfectly preserved. The Germans thought of demolishing them, to use the stones on the Atlantic Wall, but fortunately desisted.

We dined at Traff's old friend's restaurant on the Quai. Madame Evenau of Chez Armand almost killed us with the best fish I have ever tasted. First we had shrimps, so brilliantly colored as to appear varnished, then Coquille St. Jacques with a bit of garlic, Lobster à l'Amoricaine, the freshest of all soles, [redacted] and finally a great Breton cake. Three bottles of Muscadet and a couple of glasses each of eau de vie de cidre completed the meal.

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Wednesday, August 15,1951.

A fine morning, but cold. Posed until one o'clock. Afterwards we went to the folklore festival, at which the country people for miles about had congregated. There were gorgeous embroidered costumes, but especially attractive were the women's coifs - each region had its own distinctive one. Bagpipes furnished music for the dancers, who conducted grave waltzes and square country measures. Cider flowed freely.

E., Traff and I walked in the late afternoon to the more remote bathing beach and back - 4 or 5 kilometers. Because of recent rains, the wheat is still in stacks, ungathered. This is glorious country, the fields running down to the ocean, the cloud effects always unusual, the people unlike others in France. Celtic and even traces of Mongolian ancestry in their features.

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Thursday, August 16, 1951.

Awoke none the worse for our having consumed last night a large basket of oysters presented by a local French cultivator, Arthur Krebbs, with a graceful note.

Posed all morning, and again with Brewster in the afternoon. It rained all day and was cold.

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Friday, August 17, 1951.

Cold, damp and cloudy this morning. This afternoon we motored to Douarnenez, a beautiful little fishing village, where the ships had blue sardine nets. Then we went about ten kilometers away to a village called Locronan. The public square with its lovely church is a classified historical monument. The chief building on it, beside the church, was built in 1689. St. Ronan, who lies in fine marble effigy, is the town's patron. The inn named for him is [redacted] picturesque. Hand woven linen of pleasant design, and pottery, are produced locally. The sun came out, and we drove home through the country bathed in the extraordinary shifting Breton light.

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Saturday, August 18, 1951.

Posed for Traff this morning for the last time. He has practically completed two portraits and a sketch. He left after lunch, to our immense regret, for he is the most charming and gayest of companions - for Rochefort.

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It was sunny this afternoon, but too cold to swim. Eugène drove us a few miles away to call on M. Arthur Krebbs, who had made us a gift of oysters. The road led through the finest avenue of trees I have seen in Brittany - past a huge Druidical stone - through a sculptured archway into the forecourt of a 14th century chateau. M. Krebbs was away, but his two sons, accompanied by a young Scotch friend, Colin McLean, who is no doubt learning French there, showed us the interior. It is [redacted] interesting, and in a perfect state of repair. A huge kitchen, a salon two stories high, a chapel, thick stone staircase - all as it should be. From almost every point one sees the river Aven which seems to enfold it. The

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famous oyster beds are nearby, and even salmon run up this river. The picturesqueness and unexpectedness of the place is quite haunting.

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Sunday, August 19, 1951

A pale sun this morning which, according to our chambermaid, bodes no good. It rained during the night and she looks for a recommencement of it shortly.

Our [redacted] delayed newspapers inform us that Louis Jouvet died last week of a heart attack, aged 63. What a loss! He was a superb actor, an attractive man. We saw him lately at the Bemelmans' -- he was in great spirits, and we had made arrangements to do things together this winter.

Pleven has a [redacted] difficult time ahead, but has a strong and able cabinet, taking it as a whole. For months, I have seen comparatively little of the French political leaders, since from the time elections were decided upon until Pleven's investiture contact with the American Ambassador would have beenaa source of embarrassment to most of them. All sorts of wild rumors have circulated as to the U. S. Government preferring this or that candidate, but we have never indicated in any way a preference. Indeed, not only is

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it none of our business - unless there had been a movement toward Communist participation - but any Ambassador ought to be fired if he indicates a favoritism for a party or particular kind of cabinet. I am glad that Messrs. Queuille and Petsche are Ministers of State without portfolios - they are both stout of heart.

I walked about five miles, under a fickle sky, before lunch.

This afternoon, it being cloudy, PZ, E. amd I motored across the Aven river to a little fishing village almost opposite Port Manech. Audrey stayed at home, having come fully to grips with the biography of Madame Curie.

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Monday, August 20, 1951.

A beautiful day this morning. Worked on Martin Van Buren and William Henry Harrison before leaving for Concorneau where we lunched all too well Chez Armande. Madame Evenau plied us with Moules Marinières, Grilled Lobster, Coquilles Saint Jacques, Grilled Sole and two bottles of Muscadet at a total of 10,000 francs. Brewster had an acceptable paté of shellfish insides.

After lunch, we went to the Museum of the Chateau Kerliet. This 15th century building was restored in the 19th century by a Russian, Princess Narishkine, who, after being married to a Youssoupoff, wed a Frenchman, Comte de Chauveau, whose ancestors once owned the place. It is in a fine state of repair, a bit gloomy, not a period which appeals to me except from the standpoint of historical interest, but well worth seeing.

After returning to Port Manech, we called on M. Bompard who lives on a property next to the lighthouse, and is the Court Painter for the establishment. His little

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house was once part of the fortification - destroyed by the Germans - and was, like them, designed by Vauban in the time of Louis XV.

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Tuesday, August 21, 1951.

Departure set for this morning. Withdrew in good order after paying the bill which for the five of us (including the chauffeur) was 180,000 francs. It is a fine day and we made the Meucon airport in two hours. It is on the site of where I was encamped with the 110th Field Artillery in 1918, and the surroundings are little changed. In those days, I remember how hellish we thought the climate was in this vicinity - as we were not allowed to walk far from the camp boundaries we had no real knowledge of the country - I don't recall even having visited Vannes.

As we approached the airfield - used for the training of French parachutists before they are sent to Indochina - we saw a mass jump. We thought the chutes seemed perilously close together. Upon arrival, we were told that two of them had tangled and not opened. An ambulance was taking the unfortunates to Vannes - presumably dead.

We were in the sky at 11.15 and I plunged into a

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packet of office mail.

Arrived at Orly at 12.45, had lunch and went to the office.

E. left for Deauville this afternoon to look after the children. The nurse has gone to England for a holiday.

Bob Blum came to see me, with lots of news about Indochina. He is off to Washington to-night.

After a year and a half with Planat, attractive Admiral Cooper came to say goodbye.

Colonel Heitman, who is going to the Army Staff College, said goodbye.

A great many office interviews.

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Wednesday, August 22, 1951

Jean Monnet came to see me at the house this morning. We had a long talk about "making Europe".

I met Doug MacArthur at the office. Then Perle Mesta came to see me. I lunched on a sandwich and got some work done, including numerous rating reports on Embassy personnel.

Messrs. Harold Seidman and Ben Ellington of the Bureau of the Budget talked with me for an hour on foreign mission organizational problems. I had a telephone conversation with Chip in Washington.

Dr. Rush, a famous specialist in child rehabilitation, told me about his recent conversations at SHAPE on medical matters, and also his concern regarding the lack of American participation in UNOSOC activities in Paris. I shall write to the Department about the latter.

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Bob Bowie and Tommy discussed with me the contractual relations agreement regarding Germany, and a note received by us today from the Quai d'Orsay advocating

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the retention of the Military Security Board to control any untoward German militaristic tendencies.

John McCone, Undersecretary of Air, and Ed Foley, Undersecretary of the Treasury, came to see me, and we had an enjoyable time. I was their first stop after their visit to a famous wine merchant.

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Thursday, August 23, 1951

The radio announced this morning that the military talks at Kaesong had been broken off. Ditto for the oil talks at Teheran.

I busied myself with considerations arising out of De Lattre's visit to Washington next month. Also, sent a letter to M. Schuman about an advance from ECA funds to develop, and procure, industrial diamonds for the U. S. Government in French Equatorial Africa.

At noon, I received a visit from a group of 30 female students of the University of North Carolina, and delivered a little discourse to them. Included in their number, were Vice President Barkley's two step-daughters, Anne and June Hadley.

I took adorable Eve Curie to lunch at Benoit. She wrote an inscription in her biography of her mother for Audrey, who is a great enthusiast over this book. We argued inconclusively over the merits of Western European Federation, and especially about the European

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Army. She is definitely opposed to it - thinks that without the UK it means permanently subordinating France to Germany. She thinks we should try to strengthen NATO politically and not fool around with intermediate measures.

Mr. Dow, Collector of Customs, came to see me this afternoon. He had been [redacted] ill in Finland with a heart attack. I urged him to re-establish a customs office in Paris, where it is badly needed.

Congressman Patrick J. Hillings, Republican of California, came in for a long talk. Then Dana Schmidt of the New York Times. At six I went over to the Foreign Office. I had a short conversation with François-Poncet about his going to Washington for the Ministerial meetings early in September, with Alphand regarding his presentation to-day of the European Army conference status to members of the French Cabinet (which passed off [redacted] well), [redacted] then I saw M. Schuman, and

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we dealt with a variety of questions including General De Lattre's trip to Washington, the Italian Peace Treaty, Schuman Plan, agenda for Washington meetings, etc.

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Friday, August 24, 1951.

Stopped at Zeff the tailor this morning to get some clothes altered.

Discussed Dupuy case with John Wood in the light of letter from Tommy Corcoran.

John Walker of the National Gallery came to see me. He is lunching to-morrow with M. Gulbenkian, and we discussed what might be done with him.

Colonel and Mrs. Stubblefield, formerly of St. Louis and now of Miami Beach, came to see me. He had kindly given me his turn at the Crillon barber's yesterday, and they sent me a vast bowl of flowers this morning. I had a [redacted] pleasant conversation with them.

Jimmy Riddleberger brought me up to date on the proceedings of the Finance and Economic Board.

I gave a lunch for fifteen people, including Don and Mrs. Heath, Congressman and Mrs. Hugh Scott and their daughter, Congressman Hillings, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas (he is President of Monsanto Chemical and she is the

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attractive sister of Harold Talbott), Mr. and Mrs. David Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gardner, all prominent St. Louisians, and all delightful people.

Walter Kerr came to see me, as later did Cy Sulzberger.

M. Prica, the new Yugoslav Ambassador, called. He spoke fluent English, is a fine looking man, and [redacted] agreeable. Since his assignment to Paris in March he has been in bad health, having undergone two major operations here.

Mrs. Alfred C. Bergman, with a letter of introduction from Senator Austin, came to see me. Ted Rousseau, Jr., came by. Like John Walker, he observed that it was almost impossible now either to buy or to export from Europe or the U. K. paintings and sculpture of top quality. This is not true, however, of anything that might be acquired in Liechtenstein or Switzerland.

Woodie, Bill Koren, Tommy and I conferred a long

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time on the consequences to French rearmament of the proposed U.S. budgetary cuts in foreign assistance. Such action will necessitate a drastic change in French military plans.

Home about nine o'clock, with, as on every preceding night since my return from Brittany, almost endless papers to read.

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Paul Porter, who has arrived from Washington to replace Miltz Katz temporarily until the latter's successor is appointed, had a [redacted] talk with me this morning. Then Doug MacArthur and I went over a variety of matters.

After lunch, I went to the Foreign Office to see Maurice Schumann, Undersecretary, who gave me two letters from Robert Schuman to Dean regarding subjects to be discussed in Washington and Ottawa next month at the Foreign Ministers' conferences. They were [redacted] interesting. I then went to see Hervé Alphand and took up some of the same questions with him, before returning to the office.

E. came back from Deauville this morning.

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Sunday, August 26, 1951

E., Peasie, Audrey and I spent last night at Versailles. It is cold and raining this morning.

Emlon and Gloria Etting, Woodie, Gib and Bill Koren came to lunch.

Afterwards Woodie and I walked in the park and were surprised by a storm.

Tonight Jean Monnet came to dinner and we discussed the world and the shape of things to come!

Spent the night at Versailles.

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Monday, August 27, 1951.

Heavy office work this morning - important cables to prepare on the deteriorating French situation.

C.D. Jackson and Royall Tyler (of the Committee for Free Europe) lunched with me. We had a [redacted] fine bottle of Pichon Lagueville Lalande 1921. Their organization is doing [redacted] effective work, especially on its broadcasts by Iron Curtain refugees.

Starting at three o'clock, I gave a long briefing on France, with Lane Timmons and General Richards, to the following group of newspaper men and publishers, whose trip is sponsored by the Department of Defense:

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Wright Bryan, Editor, Atlanta Journal (Atlanta Newspapers Inc. publishers) Democrat, 250,059, Evening

John H. Cline, Associate Editor, Washington Evening Star, Washington, D.C. Independent, 225,237, Evening

Frank R. Ford, Editor, Evansville Press Company, Indiana (Scripps-Howard Representative), Independent, 103,360, Morning and Evening together *

Bruce Gould, Editor, Ladies Home Journal, Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pa. 4.564,101, monthly magazine *

Vance Johnson, Washington Bureau, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco, California, Independent Republican, 155,626, Morning

Raymond Lawrence, Editor , Oakland Tribune, Oakland, California, Republican, 160,824, Evening

Paul Martin, Washington Bureau Chief, Gannett News Service

Martin Hayden, Washington Bureau, Detroit News, Detroit, Michigan, Independent, 452,760, Evening

Harlan Miller, Columnist, Des Moines Register and Tribune, Des Moines, Iowa, Independent Republican, "Register" 221,772 (Morning), "Tribune" 150,361 (Evening)

Merrill Panitt, Assistant to Publisher, Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia, Pa. Independent, 678,064, Morning

Gideon Seymour, Executive Editor, Minneapolis Star and Tribune, Minneapolis, Minn. Independent, "Star" 296,325 (Evening), "Tribune" 185,468 (Morning)

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Richard Sherman, Writer, Harper's Magazine, New York, New York, Monthly Magazine 159,357 *

Robert M. Grannis, Managing Editor, Brooklyn Eagle, New York, New York Independent, 126,519, Evening

James Thrasher, Associate Editor, Collier's, New York, New York, Weekly Magazine, 3,161,048 *

John B. Adams, Office of Public Information, Office of Military Assistance, Department of Defense

Walter Pickerel, Office of Public Information, State Department

Major Walter H. Sibbert, Office of the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Foreign Military Aid, Department of the Army.

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Later I saw Walter Kerr on the subject of European Federation, and finally George Willis of the Treasury.

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Tuesday, August 28, 1951.

Had a cable from Dean about coming to Washington for the ministerial conferences. Am therefore busy making the necessary arrangements, including preparations of papers, cancelling arrangements to go to Toulouse on September 15, and to Holland to stay with Van Zuylen on the 23rd.

Since I had not seen a doctor for a couple of years, I got Dr. Dax to take my blood pressure - it was 150 over 90 and my pulse 58. Consequently, I am encouraged to oversmoke, overdrink, overeat and underexercise.

Cabot Lodge and René Pleven came to lunch with me to-day. We talked more of Indochina than anything else. Cabot is familiar with French affairs, and it is helpful having him here. He has innumerable friends in France, which is not remarkable in view of his fluent command of French, his attractive personality and his service as a liason officer with the French Army.

Ambassador Lewis Clark discussed this afternoon

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the situation in Libya. General Brink, in charge of the Military Advisory Assistance Group in Indochina, came with one of his officers to speak of conditions there.

Philip Ryan, once in the American Red Cross and now with the International Refugee Office, came to ask for an introduction to someone in the Ford Foundation.

Tom Blaisdell spoke of his review of the Financial and Economic Board NATO problems.

Senator Homer Ferguson and House Representatives Cooley, Poage, Gore and Eberharder, [redacted] the U. S. Delegation to the General Assembly of the Interparliamentary Union, shortly meeting in Istanbul, came for a visit and a runover of the French situation.

At six I went to see M. Schuman, who wanted to tell me some things about the Associated States' delegations to the San Francisco Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, and also about De Lattre's terms of reference in Washington. I telegraphed this to the Department.

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Tonight we dined with the MacArthurs at 105, rue Charles Laffitte, Neuilly. The others were Al Gruenther, Maurice Schumann, Admiral Lemonnier (French Naval Chief of Staff), Mrs. Jack Heinz, Doug's attractive niece, and Woodie.

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Wednesday, August 29, 1951.

I am spending a good deal of time on Indochina matters. This morning the following appeared in the French papers under a Washington dateline:

" La France défend en Indochine, non des intérêts égoistes mais les intérêts communs de l'Occident face au communisme, déclare M. David Bruce.

Washington, le 29 août, 1951

La Commission Sénatoriale des Affaires Etrangères publie aujourd'hui les passages d'un rapport rédigé par les Membres de sa Sous Commission chargés d'enquêter en Europe sur l'utilisation de l'aide économique et militaire, passages dans lesquels sont rapportées les déclarations recueillies par eux à Paris auprès de M. David Bruce, Ambassadeur des Etats-Unis en France.

Dans la conversation rapportée, M. David Bruce a insisté longuement sur l'importance du rôle de la France dans la défense atlantique et a fait valoir que l'effort soutenu en Indochine - où la France maintient 165.000 soldats de ses meilleures unités - gêne ses efforts dans son oeuvre de défense européenne. Il a fait ressortir que les dépenses militaires françaises sont allées croissant: 1.100 millions de dollars en 1949, 1.800 millions de dollars en 1950, 2.600 millions de dollars en 1951,

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et, enfin, 3.200 millions de dollars prévus pour 1952: "L'armée française" a-t-il précisé, "sera, à la fin de 1951, presque aussi nombreuse que l'armée française de 1939. Sa contribution, comparée à celle des autres armées atlantiques, y compris l'armée américaine, sera la plus importante par rapport au chiffre de la population".

Dans son exposé, l'Ambassadeur a également insisté sur les évènements d'Indochine: "Les Français sont convaincus qu'ils combattent dans une guerre méconnue, qu'ils conduisent dans cette région les opérations les plus importantes de celles qui sont menées dans le monde contre le communisme et que personne n'a pris conscience de ce que cela signifiait réellement pour eux. Il est incontestable que si l'Indochine tombait, la chute de la Birmanie et de la Thaïlande serait inévitable. Personne ne pourrait me convaincre que, peu après, la Malaisie ne tomberait pas à son tour et que l'Inde - dont les idées sont confuses en ce qui concerne ce problème - n'aurait pas à subir des infiltrations communistes dangereuses pour son existence."

Car, du point de vue colonial ou politique, a-t-il ajouté, l'Indochine n'offre pas d'intérêt pour la France et si celle-ci pouvait obtenir des Etats Associés qu'ils réussissent à organiser des défenses efficaces pour empêcher le communisme de balayer la péninsule, elle

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retirerait ses forces sans tarder et pour ne pas y revenir.

L'Ambassadeur a alors rappelé les efforts du Général de Lattre de Tassigny pour mettre sur pied une armée indigène mais il a noté que pour mener cette oeuvre à bien les Etats Associés - chez qui font surtout défaut les officiers et les cadres - devront donner des preuves de leurs capacités avant que la France puisse retirer ses troupes en toute sécurité.

Revenant une fois encore sur l'importance de la lutte anti-communiste engagée dans cette partie de l'Asie, M. David Bruce a exprimé l'opinion que "du point de vue stratégique on he peut mettre en parallèle la Corée et ce que serait la main-mise communiste sur l'Indochine".

"Je suis d'avis que, de tous les trophées dont l'U.R.S.S. pourrait s'emparer en Extrême Orient, l'Indochine serait le plus beau et celui dont la perte, pour les Occidentaux, pourrait dans l'avenir avoir les plus graves conséquences".

Et il conclut en affirmant que ce serait un désastre si la France venait à retirer avant terme ses troupes d'une région "où elle n'agit certainement pas avec des buts égoïstes" puisque cette guerre "dans laquelle 29.000 hommes ont péri, dont 800 officiers sortis de Saint Cyr, lui coûte 850 millions de dollars par an, alors qu'elle pourrait facilement dédommager, avec 250 millions de dollars seulement, tous ceux des siens qui se sont établis en Indochine".

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Averell came in at ten o'clock. His account of his Persian trip was fascinating.

I went to Marly for lunch at 12.45 with Generals Eisenhower and Gruenther, Walter Gifford and Averell. Incidentally, I thereby missed a lunch E. was giving for 24 members of the Federation of Women's Clubs, at which I would have been the only male present. Walter and I rode back together. The Giffords have been spending a month at Beauvallon, where they had beautiful weather.

Charles Barry of the National Broadcasting Company came to see me about a monster show, starring Tallulah Bankhead, that they will put on in Paris September 24.

I went with Averell to see René Pleven in his office at the National Assembly. He said he was sending the best brains in his Government - Schuman, Bidault and Mayer - to Washington to discuss with us in utmost friendliness and frankness how France can play the most useful part within her competence in Western Defense. He feels that coal shortage is probably the present greatest

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economic problem in this country. Perhaps some arrangement might be made to classify coal shipments from U.S. as eligible for military aid assistance, especially if the coal is devoted to manufacturing military items such as steel plates for export to the U.S. Other methods should be canvassed.

Secondly, they want a full discussion with the U.S. regarding their problems in Indochina where they now have the maximum French forces they expect to sustain there. He stated his Government was determined to build up its NATO forces as rapidly as possible and no differences of opinion existed as to steadfast adherence to principles of NATO.

General Pat and Mrs. Hurley and their daughter came to see me - a good looking family.

Nathan Cummings, President of the Monarch Foods Company, a friend of Jim, came to see me. He is an entertaining, dynamic man, slightly exhausted from having

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bought this afternoon a Renoir, a Cezanne and a Picasso. He is taking home two French servants on an unusual arrangement. He is to pay the couple $240. a month, plus a bonus of $1,000. for each year they stay with him - he providing the steamship fare of $200. each. He gave me a Kaywoodie pipe - he also owns that company.

I was unable to go to Charles Dyar's funeral to-day. He died at the American Hospital a few days ago - an old Treasury man with whom I was closely associated in OSS.

We dined at Marie's and Averell's. Marie's daughter and son-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan), Drew Pearson and Cy Sulzberger were there.

About 10.30 I went over to see General de Lattre at his apartment 4 Place Rio de Janeiro, and stayed there until after midnight. This complex, delightful, headstrong, dramatic, temperamental, touchy, abnormally sensitive, picturesque, witty, courageous, sentimental, loyal, sympathetic, eloquent, vain, talented, [redacted] opinionated,

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affectionate character, has prepared for his American

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Thursday, August 30, 1951.

I went to see Georges Bidault this morning. He said that with reasonable help from the U.S. he felt [redacted] France could substantially meet her NATO and Indochina military commitments. He believes [redacted] both the Schuman Plan and the European Army Plan will be ratified (if the latter is presented) by Parliament after a bitter struggle. "French deputies", he said, "commit many stupidities but few crimes against the national interest".

E. and I had a [redacted] enjoyable lunch at the Bonsals.

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This afternoon I saw Miss Dorothy Miner, the [redacted] efficient Librarian and keeper of manuscripts at the Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore. It was unusually pleasant for me to hear something about an institution [redacted] I once knew so well but which I have not visited for many years.

Thurmond Chatham, an old friend, Congressman from North Carolina, came to see me. He has recently remarried, and bought the Forrestal house in Georgetown.

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Charles MacGowan, member of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L., had a long talk with me about labor conditions in Europe. I advocated a strengthening of the Labor Attaché's staffs in diplomatic missions, instead of a dispersal of effort through untrained labor advisers being assigned to various U. S. Government agencies abroad.

I had a long talk with René Mayer this afternoon. He is ill, perhaps dangerously so, with a return of his stomach ulcers. He said he took his Cabinet position unwillingly, and at the last moment, when it appeared [redacted] that Maurice Petsche ([redacted] now taking a rest cure) was too sick to assume the responsibilities of the post. René said the chief problems were first, the prospect of a tremendous dollar gap in 1952, since the more France produced the greater would be her dependence on imports of basic raw materials, and, second, the Indochinese expenses that would probably about equal the entire civil budget which in gold terms was now less than prewar. He is a [redacted] able, determined, courageous, realistic man, with great personal charm.

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Friday, August 31, 1951.

Talked to Jack McCloy and Cabot Lodge on the telephone this morning. Then a discussion with Lane Timmons about an ECA French Mission personnel problem.

Mary Kuhn came to see me - such a fine woman. She is reluctantly abandoning her journalistic job and taking her family home, because of financial considerations.

John Nicholas Brown called and we went out together to a lunch E. and I were having for John and Anne Brown, General and Mrs. Hurley, Miss Hurley, Ed and Emily Foley, Mrs. Russell Long (wife of the Senator), Mrs. Marion Boyer (friend of Mrs Long), Representative and Mrs. Thurmond [redacted] Chatham, and Messrs. Herz, Taff and Landreth Harrison.

John Brown is now President of the Byzantine Institute, and immediately concerned with the late Tom Whittemore's Byzantine and Oriental library, which

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is now accessible to scholars in Paris. There are many legal and financial complexities involved and I shall put him in touch with Royall Tyler and with our own John Brown.

General Cogny (de Lattre's representative) and Red O'Hare came to see me about de Lattre's schedule in Washington.

I had a talk with Mark Watson of the Baltimore Sun, then with Harvey Williams of H.J. Heinz & Co., next with Fred Lazarus of Federated Department Stores, with M. Borê de Lozier, owner of La Résidence near Toulon, and other French hotels, and finally Dr. Roediger, Chief of the German delegation at the European Army Conference until Herr Blank took over from him. Roediger is returning to Germany, probably to become a Justice of the Federal Supreme Court.

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Saturday, September 1, 1951.

At Versailles.

Worked all morning on cable to Department summarizing present situation in France.

John and Ann Brown, from Providence, and John and Simone Brown from Paris, Robert Gérard, Audrey, Peasie and Sasha were here for lunch. Interrupted by numerous telephone calls, I resumed work this afternoon on the cable, as well as read papers on French financial and economic problems, and on the European defense forces.

Bill Koren came down about 6.30 and we finished off the telegram.

It rained all day.

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Sunday, September 2, 1951.

Tommy came to Versailles this morning, and we talked principally about whether it would be advisable for Pleven to call a conference to draw up a constitution for a federated Europe. I think it would be well for him to do so in the next couple of weeks, and to set the date sometime after January 1, 1952.

Rained all day. Came back to Paris this afternoon.

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Monday, September 3, 1951.

Chuck Spofford came this morning and we talked about infrastructure and other NATO affairs. Then Lane Timmons on ECA French Mission personnel problems. Next Jean Monnet regarding the political federation of Western Europe.

Instead of lunch I went to the chiropodist.

Bill Joyce arrived this afternoon for a talk on the ECA productivity program.

At four o'clock I attended a steering committee meeting of the European Army Conference. Thence with E. and Audrey to Orly Field. PE and Norman Armour came to see us off.

We left at 7 p.m. on TWA's all-sleeper "The Ambassador". Had a good dinner and got to bed about eleven. We stopped in Iceland - five and a half hours out from Paris - but the passengers did not have to disembark.

We ran through an hour of bumpy weather this

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morning, and were sixty minutes late in coming down at 7.40 Standard time at Idlewild, after a journey of about 18 1/2 hours.

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Tuesday, September 4, 1951

We turned Audrey over to Lauder Greenway, and to the faithful Anderson. We hated to leave her. She is a wonderful child.

We went in to town and lunched at Longchamps. Afterwards, I met Buck Crawford, and talked to him about my investments, especially land trust oil securities which are apparently doing well.

We caught the Congressional, and had dinner on it. Arrived in Washington, and went to Kay Halle's, 1534 29th Street, where we found Emlen Etting as a fellow guest. Later, Clayton Fritchie and Eddie Page came in. Clayton has been going over the Forrestal diaries, from a security standpoint, for the Defense Department. He found them disappointing as a literary production and rather dull. They will shortly appear, in condensed form, in the Herald-Tribune, and be fully published this autumn.

To bed by midnight.

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Wednesday, September 5,1951.

Went to the State Department this morning and had numerous interviews. Meetings to-day for discussion of such topics as the European Defense Force, Aid for Indochina, federation of Europe.

E. and I lunched at the fine new Washington Post building with Eugene Meyer and Phil and Kay Graham. We saw part of the San Francisco Conference proceedings on television.

This afternoon at the Department - more of the same as this morning.

Rode home with George Perkins and Jamie Barbiglio.

Dinner to-night with Kay and Paul Porter. Afterwards, E. and I went to our house on 34th Street. The Fosters are away. We descended into the cellar, and brought back [redacted] gin and whisky as a present to Kay.

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Thursday, September 6, 1951.

I went to the Pentagon this morning to see Bob Lovett, and talked to him about the situation in Indochina. I have the impression that Bob entertains strong prejudices against the French.

Next, I had an enjoyable chat with Tom Finletter.

I found Tommy at the office, and we discussed the European Army. The atmosphere here and at the Pentagon regarding it is skeptical. There is a belief that the problems presented by it are too difficult and complex to be resolved within a reasonable time. I pay no attention to this. Of course it is a gamble, but it must be made to succeed; there is no satisfactory alternative.

E. and I had lunch to-day with Phil Jessup at the Colony Restaurant. There is a really admirable and winning man.

This afternoon, innumerable conferences at the Department. I got through about 7.30 and again raided

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the cellar at 1411 34th Street, as well as extracting from my clothes closet a badly needed hot weather suit.

Spent some time to-night working on the script for a television program on which I am supposed to appear Sunday.

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Friday, September 7, 1951.

Walked to the Department, after a [redacted] satisfactory bacon and eggs breakfast. In Paris I take [redacted] little to eat in the morning, bu[redacted]ere revert easily and gratefully to old habits. It is a brilliant, hot day.

Talked to Jack McCloy and Bob Bowie this morning about revisions in the Secretary's briefing paper on the European Army, and attended a meeting on the subject in Doc Matthews' office. We carried our points.

Lunched with Doc Matthews at the Metropolitan Club, and ate delicious soft shell crabs, the first I've had for more than a year. Jack McCloy, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, George Perkins and Hank Byroade were the other guests. There was quite a lot of conversation about the German contractual agreement, and the difficulties of securing an agreed allied position on this fundamental question.

Back at the office, I saw Bill Tyler and others. Sam Berger came over at four o'clock, and we ranged over the topic of Communism in France, and how it could be

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more effectively countered.

I went to see René Mayer at the French Embassy, and promised to help him in arranging immediate talks with a U.S. interdepartmental committee. He wants to stress especially the necessity for France of dollar imports of coal and coke, the financial and economic burden of Indochina, and the French balance of payments forecasts.

Got home about 7.30, talked to David Cohn, and later to Stuart Symington ([redacted] handsome and looking the picture of health). Stuart said [redacted] his father-in-law, that [redacted] fine citizen, Jim Wadsworth, was having a serious operation to-morrow.

Kay, E., Clayton Fritchie and I had dinner together and conversed late into the evening.

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Saturday, September 8, 1951.

Went to the Department and had a [redacted] talk with Jim Webb. Later, with Helen Kirkpatrick and Bill Tyler. Next, Tommy, Mac Godley and Beigel. Poor Dick Eldridge had his gall bladder removed yesterday and is doing well.

To-day the Japanese Treaty should be signed in San Francisco, which would represent a great feat of statesmanship for Acheson and Dulles.

E., Kay, and I had lunch with Joe Alsop in his attractive house. His two faithful Philippine servants produced, as usual, a remarkably appetizing meal. Joe was in good spirits, not prophesying doom.

To-night, we had dinner with George and Linn Perkins. Walter Gifford and his wife, Ted Achilles, Benjy and Ridgway and [redacted] Knight, Kay were there. They have the Bolton's lovely house. They have just bought one for future use on N Street, and I am glad for I hope it will mean their spending at least part of the year, if George ever retires.

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from Government and business, in Washington.

During the afternoon, we had gone to Helen Kirkpatrick's unique little house in Georgetown, and also took a long walk.

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Sunday, September 9, 1951.

Hervé Alphand came over this morning, and we covered a lot of ground.

Helen Kirkpatrick lunched here, and then we all went to the NBC studio at Wardman Park Hotel, where I was on the Battle Front Television program conducted by John Steelman. There are lots of gadgets connected with television broadcasting, and it is a fairly amusing performance. I delivered four minutes of report as follows:

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" I have come back home for the three power talks next week between Mr. Robert Schuman, Foreign Minister of France, Mr. Herbert Morrison, British Foreign Secretary, and Secretary of State Acheson.

The few days between the recent San Francisco Conference and the meeting of the North Atlantic Council, which opens in Ottawa on September 14th, provide an excellent opportunity for the three Foreign Ministers to be together. They will review matters of mutual concern and cement further their basic unity of views on major issues.

They will doubtless discuss the progress being achieved in strengthening Europe's defensive power, and the important role to be played by Germany in this task. Such progress is not confined to mere military factors, but includes certain recent important trends which I should like to discuss briefly with you today.

In the present critical period when our attention is concentrated on creating armed forces to resist aggression, we are not perhaps fully aware of a revolutionary development taking place on the continent of Europe.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which

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came into being following the initiative of the United States, is the most daring conception in foreign policy to which we have ever subscribed. Within its framework and, in a sense, subsidiary to it, there is now emerging in Western Europe the pattern of a novel political, economic, and military federation.

The Schuman Plan, put forward by the French Government, was designed to bring about a common trading area in coal, iron, and steel resources of six Western European nations, especially those of the industrial complex surrounding or near the Ruhr Valley of Germany. It is hoped that this venture will result in making impossible the future use of any part of this vast war-making potential by one partner against another. France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg have, through their Governments subscribed to a treaty on this subject which now is before their parliaments for ratification.

Another French initiative, the European Defense Force Plan, was designed to make impossible the continuance of national armies in Western Europe. In this manner, Germany, for example, would, like the other participating nations, no longer have national military forces, but German soldiers would become European soldiers, wearing European uniforms, directed by an

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international staff composed of officers of various nationalities. Like other NATO forces these would be under the direction of General Eisenhower. A conference is now in session in Paris attempting to resolve the details of this undertaking.

It seems almost incredible that only six years after the termination of the greatest war in history, the countries occupied and devastated by Germany are now working with her to construct a community in which narrow nationalism will have no place.

If these two proposals, so magnificent in their implications, are translated into effective action, it is possible that consideration may next be given to that dream of many European statesmen - the creation of a political federation in Western Europe to which would be surrendered by its member states significant portions of their national sovereignties.

These stirring ideas and actions on the Continent should be most encouraging to us. They are proofs of a vitality, of an optimism, of a determination on the part of our allies to defend the ideals of human freedom and by a joint effort to guarantee peace against all imperialistic threats. "

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This is a perfect day, the temperature about seventy.

To-night we dined with Jamie and Sybil Monbright. Bill Tyler, to our delight, was there. We had a superb bottle of Chateau Suduiraut 1921 at the end of the meal. Immediately afterwards, George Perkins stopped for me. We went to the National Airport to meet the San Francisco conquerors. There was a large crowd present. Hellé Bonnet, the François Poncets, Alphand, Daridan, Walter Gifford, Jim Webb, Jack McCloy, etc. Dean alighted as fresh as a daisy. Alice, Janet and Foster Dulles, Chip, Morrison, Schuman, et al.

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Monday, September 10,1951.

Nine o'clock briefing for the tripartite talks in the Secretary's office. Especial attention devoted to contractual agreement on Germany. Sent flowers to Dick Eldridge, [redacted] He is doing well in the Naval Hospital.

Lunched with Allen Dulles, General Bedell Smith and Frank Wisner at CIA. Another briefing at the Secretary's at two o'clock.

Hervé Alphand came to see me this afternoon about a possible Three Power declaration in favor of the Schuman and Pleven Plans as progressive steps toward European unification. I favor it.

To-night we had dinner at the Pierre Paul Schweizer's in honor of René Mayer.

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Tuesday, September 11, 1951.

Mac Godley stopped for me this morning. I went to an 8.30 briefing of the Secretary. Then, after intermediate conversations, I called at Bill Foster's office. He told me that General Marshall is resigning to-morrow, because of his wife's ill health. Bob Lovett will succeed him, and Bill Foster will be Deputy to Bob.

Then I attended a conference over which Bill Foster presided, where René Mayer exposed the French financial and economic position.

Back to the Department for lunch with Chip. We were joined by Foster Dulles who, with Dean has been warmly applauded for the success of the San Francisco Conference. Chip had a hernia operation after his return from Paris, and has completely recovered from it. He thinks that somehow we must establish contacts with the Russians, and believes [redacted] George Kennan would make a good Ambassador in Moscow for that purpose. Just before leaving Paris, I had a letter from Alan Kirk, saying he was resigning,

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and would leave his post about October first.

Briefing at 2.15 and bipartite session with the French at 3.30. - Schuman, Alphand, Bonnet, Daridan, etc. On our side, Dean, Phil Jessup, Averell, George Perkins, etc. Before the formal meeting, Dean questioned Schuman on the French plans for a European political federation. The answer was that the French Government intended to propose it - probably in November.

The subjects on the agenda were Indochina, Germany, Italy and Morocco. Substantial accord was reached on all of them, and we broke up about 7.30. I rode home with Dean and went shortly to Macgill's where we had a riotous dinner with Carrie, Macgill, Norman and Pat. Pat now 6 feet 7, has recently returned from soldiering in Korea. He sang numbers of amusing songs.

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Wednesday, September 12, 1951.

First of the tripartite meetings with the British and French, preceded by an 8.30 American briefing. The topics were (1) Progress on policy of containment; (2) Atlantic and Mediterranean Commands; (3) Greece and Turkey and Middle East.

I lunched with Dick Bissell.

This afternoon was a continuation.

We went to-night to the Finletters' to dinner. Joe Alsop, Averell, Jack McCloy, Tish Alsop were there. At nine we returned for [redacted] to a tripartite gathering, where the European Defense Force and a Contractual Arrangement for Germany were discussed. Both went [redacted] well.

Rode back with Dean, [redacted] home about midnight. Kay had been for dinner at Arthur Krock's and was full of news about Hellé Bonnet's gossip regarding Evangeline and myself. The gist of her complaints seemed to be: (1) That when she is in Paris she is seldom invited to the U.S. Embassy; (2) That we invited de[redacted]ent French

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to meet Margaret Truman and generally made a mess of her visit. (As to the decadent Frenchmen at our dinner they were: Alphand, Marcel Achard, the famous playwright, and the two most distinguished musical composers in France).

(3) That the U.S. Embassy's reporting on the last French election had been so inept and inaccurate that it was a laughing stock amongst high French officials.

As to 3, which is the only thing that concerns me in the slightest, I really think she must be unbalanced. If it were known in Paris Governmental circles that the wife of the French Ambassador in Washington was talking in this vein, her husband might easily be fired.

Actually, the prognostications of our Embassy on the election were singularly - even extraordinarily - accurate, and have been highly commended.

General Marshall's retirement was announced to-day.

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Thursday, September 13, 1951.

8.30 at the office, then to tripartite meeting. Came down with Tommy and Bob Bowie and we talked of a "committee of wise men" to study NATO requirements and the economic capabilities of the participating nations. Naturally, we talked also of the European Defense Force and Political Federation in Europe.

Dean is the ideal presiding officer for these conferences. His power of clear statement, his grasp of the issues involved, his courteous control over the deliberations could, I think, be matched by no one else in our, or probably any other, Government. Schuman handles himself well, and is wise in judgment. Morrison, the newest at the game, is distinctly inferior to the other two.

The Contractual Agreement for Germany was taken up again this morning and disposed of as far as was possible at this time. During the morning and afternoon, the Ministers addressed themselves to the Italian Treaty

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and Trieste, Austria, and Spain. We broke up at 7.45, and E. and I went to a delightful dinner at Lois and Phil Jessup's apartment.

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Friday, September 14, 1951.

Nine-thirty tripartite meeting for a discussion on economic and financial questions connected with the armament program. Chancellor of the Exchequer Gaitskell and René Mayer exposed the deteriorating situation in their two countries. Lovett, Harriman, Foster, and Acheson were our chief representatives. It was agreed to constitute at Ottawa, if the other nations agree, a "wise man's committee" of four or five members.

Went to a stag [redacted] lunch given by the Secretary at Anderson House. This, the former Larz Anderson residence, is a huge structure, ornately and untastefully furnished with [redacted] expensive objects, bequeathed by Anderson and his wife to the Society of the Cincinnati and occasionally used by the State Department for entertainment purposes. Messrs. Morrison and Schuman, Sir Pierson Dickson, Sir Oliver Franks, Alphand, de Margerie, Doc Matthews, René Mayer, Averell, Phil, George Perkins, and others were there.

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Averell indicated that he would accept the American membership on the Wise Man's Committee. Mayer talked to me regarding the infrastructure financing proposals, which are unacceptable to him. He will cut off France from furnishing all [redacted] advances to this account as of October 1st. He also said he was gravely concerned over the debate that will take place in the French Parliament to-day to establish a sliding scale for wages.

The tripartite gathering reconvened at four o'clock, and dealt with [redacted] the Far East, including Korea and Indochina.

When we adjourned, I went to see John Burke, and got a new prescription for glasses, since I cannot read fine print with or without my present ones.

Arrived at Kay's. I found John Foster there, and he entertained us with a racy account of British politics.

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Saturday, September 15, 1951

The U. S. Delegation left for Ottawa early this morning. Kay, E., Herbert Elliston and I lunched together -- Herbert [redacted] scintillating.

Spent most of the afternoon walking around Georgetown and reading. Molly Thayer and Charles Murphy (who collaborated with the Duke of Windsor on his book) came in for drinks.

We went to a large dinner at Joe Alsop's -- the Finletters, Lady Elliott, the Roberts (American Academy [redacted] Rome), the Tracy Barnes, Frank Wisners, Annie and Dick Bissell, Frank Kent, Ben Cohen, Tish Alsop, etc. Good conversation and home late.

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Sunday, September 16, 1951.

Left sweet and hospitable Kay this morning to board the eleven o'clock train to New York, where we went to P.Z's apartment at 277 Park Avenue. Read on train André de Fouquière's Cinquante Ans de Panache, - an amusing account of a saunter through half a century of French and, indeed, continental society.

To-night we had dinner with the George Garretts and Johnnie Ryan at the Champagne Room of El Morocco. The prices on the menu were quite staggering.

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Monday, September 17, 1951.

Went to Jim Bruce's office this morning and did some telephoning. Was so pressed with people to see and things to do that I had no breakfast, and was ravenous when I arrived at The Brook for lunch with Billy Delano. I saw Diego Suarez, Buddy Marshall, Sonny Whitney, Eustis Paine, Byrnes Macdonald, Eddie McDonnell and other friends there. Had a long talk afterwards with Jim.

To-night we dined at the Pavillon with Polly Howe and Nelson Slater. Afterwards we went to "The King and I" by Dick Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II - their famous "South Pacific" is still running across the street from this new one. Gertrude Lawrence was Anna; the play was an unfaithful adaptation from the book "Anna and the King of Siam". I thought it superb, and the best entertainment I've seen for years.

We had word this morning that our dear friend Maurice Petsche had died in Paris yesterday of uremia.

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I am [redacted] sad. He had ability, charm and courage. His bold and unpopular actions saved the franc. He was [redacted] an amusing companion, and in our frequent governmental transactions a man whose undertakings were completely reliable. I had a great affection for him.

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Tuesday, September 18, 1951.

Met Howard Bruce this mc ng at the Park Lane and had a long talk with him. Then to lunch with Nelson Slater at the Links. He told me that Martha and he were getting a divorce. Saw other friends there - Louis de Florez, George Garrett, Jack Franklin, etc. Afterwards I called on Ailsa at 2 East 67 Street.

Thence to the Council on Foreign Relations, where I made a speech on the present situation in France, and answered questions. Ham Armstrong presided at the meeting, and we dined with him to-night at the fine old house he inherited from his father at 58 West 10th Street. We were both [redacted] taken with his new wife -- a German from Hamburg. Brooke and Buddy Marshall, John Foster, Mrs. Ogden Reed and Pertinax (André Géraud) were the other guests. Pertinax and I had a first class row about France. He is opposed to the Schuman Plan, to the European Defense Force program and to almost everything else that might be constructive from his country's

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standpoint. I think he is a bad Frenchman from a patriotic standpoint, and a bombastic, opinionated, vain old dullard. Despite this, we had an enjoyable evening and rode home with Mrs. Reed, whom I like so much.

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Wednesday, September 19, 1951

Had breakfast (for the first time in the three days we've been in New York) at the Racquet Club. Then I went forth [redacted] bought a pair of moccasins, and returned to 277 Park Avenue to pack. Priscilla Leseur came in with her daughter Lorna.

E. and I had lunch at the Colony Restaurant with Barry and Larry Lowman, who are always fine company.

Nelson kindly sent his car for us, and we started at 4:00 p.m. for Idlewild. There, after being interviewed by the newspaper men and photographed, we were put on the TWA Constellation which left at six o'clock.

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Thursday, September 20, 1951

We arrived at Orly at 11:30 Paris time after a [redacted] smooth non-stop 12-1/2 hour crossing.

I went to the office this afternoon. Colonel Wywall, with whom I have flown a good deal while here, came in to say goodbye. He has been assigned, after three and a half years in Paris, to Washington.

Jean Monnet came to see me at the house tonight. He is [redacted] pleased with the way things are shaping up in regard to the European Army, also by statements made by Schuman in Washington and at Ottawa about the political federation of Western Europe. These remarks, he says, have been welcomed warmly in France.

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Friday, September 21, 1951

Virginia Clarke arrived this morning. She brought with her Ethel, her maid, who has quite a passion for the children and wanted to see them.

After a hair cut, I had lunch with David Nes at [redacted] Mère Michèle.

I called on M. Queuille at 3:30. He is acting as Foreign Minister. He wished to protest in the name of the French Government over the reception accorded to Bourguiba, the Tunisian Nationalist leader, in Washington. Maurice Schumann, who was with M. Queuille, had a few days ago lodged the same objection with Phil Bonsal. It appears the French cabinet is gravely exercised over this issue, but the excitement will soon die down.

This afternoon, I saw Mr. Ainsworth, [redacted] recently arrived as a member of the staff. Also, Harry Labouisse, the new head of the French ECA Mission. Harry and I are old friends and I am enchanted [redacted] to have him here.

David Finley came to see me, and we talked about various art matters. He and I are going to see Mr. Gulbenkian together [redacted]

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Saturday, September 22, 1951.

I saw Freddy Reinhardt at the office this morning. He has been assigned to the Interallied Staff School, which is now being organized.

We had Louise Stewart, Stewart Alsop and the Pattens for lunch to-day. Mrs. Stewart is a great friend of President and Mrs. Truman.

Stewart Alsop has been serving temporarily with the French Army, and is favorably impressed by the high state of morale of the soldiers and officers, both in France and in Germany.

Betty Harcourt and ourselves went down to Versailles to spend the night.

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Sunday, September 23, 1951.

It rained hard during the night, and again this morning, but nevertheless, we took a walk in the park.

David Finley came for lunch, but Margie was unable to do so since she had a bad cold. David and I had an engagement to see Mr. Gulbenkian this afternoon, but had to postpone it since he also had taken to his bed with a sore throat.

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Monday, September 24, 1951.

Congressman Keogh came to see me this morning, and then I had a talk with General Bedell Smith. He is [redacted] forceful and intelligent.

Paul Porter and I motored out to Marly together to have lunch with General Eisenhower. We discussed, before the other guests arrived, various matters connected with the conferences in Paris and Ottawa. Most of the NBC personnel connected with the "Big Show" which is to take place to-night came for lunch with him, as well as Mr. Reynolds, President of the Reynolds Metals Company.

Bob Bowie and Tommy came in this afternoon. Bowie had just arrived from Germany, and is [redacted] disturbed by the possible consequences of the offer by Grotewhol to the Adenauer government for free elections in the whole of Germany, [redacted] looking to the unification of the country. If the Russians are willing to accept the almost certain loss of East Germany in this manner, they would then be in an excellent position to offer neutralization of the

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whole of Germany and the withdrawal of Allied troops. This would upset all NATO plans, probably kill off the Schuman and European Army projects, and threaten the [redacted] existence of NATO.

I went with David Finley this afternoon to call on Mr. Gulbenkian. At the age of eighty-six, he is still spry and vigorous. His house at 51, Avenue d'Iéna was built twenty-five years ago. It is fire-proof throughout, and [redacted] little material other than steel, concrete, marble, stone and tiling was used in it. The vast underground cellars contain every sort of modern apparatus for air conditioning, air cleansing, etc., including a private electric light system. Many of his best pictures are now on loan at the National Gallery in Washington, but a great number of lesser importance still remain in his house, as well as the famous Houdon marble of Diana, which he bought from the Hermitage, [redacted] and a superb Houdon bronze of Apollo. There is no garden except for a beautiful expanse of turf, bedded trees, fountains, etc., on the roof. His son-in-law, Mr. Essayan, who, like his father-in-law speaks fluent English, accompanied us on this lengthy and interesting tour.

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The Wallners and Betty had dinner with us [redacted] afterwards we went to the National Broadcasting presentation at the Empire Theater of the "Big Show", starring Tallulah Bankhead. Many famous stars, including Fred Allen, Josephine Baker, Gracie Fields, and Joan Fontaine participated. It made [redacted] enjoyable hour and a half entertainment.

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Tuesday, September 25, 1951

I saw Victor Reuther, European representative of CIO this morning. He is concerned and indignant over the alleged support given by the American Government to Irving Brown of AF & L, to the exclusion of CIO.

I called on M. Schuman to discuss with him the refusal of the French Government to allow the US Survey Mission, presently in Algeria, to proceed to Tunisia. This is connected with the visit of the Tunisian Nationalist leader, Bourghiba, who spoke recently in New York on the Voice of America program and in San Francisco at the AF & L convention. During his trip to the United States he has engaged in violent diatribes against the French Government. M. Schuman had already prepared a personal letter to the Secretary regarding this and similar matters which he gave to me. He will undertake at once to confer with his colleagues with a view to securing permission for this group of officers to carry out their survey. We discussed a good many other topics, including the dangerous situation

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in Germany created by the East German offer for free elections throughout the country. I conferred with Woodie on my talk with M. Schuman. Woodie has been handling this and all other matters connected with the military, both in France and overseas, in an admirable fashion, but it imposes a constant and almost unbearable burden on him.

Jack Tappin came to see me this afternoon to take up [redacted] ECA problems. I then saw successively Preston Grover, Stewart Alsop, General Richards and Bill Donovan. Bill was in his usual marvelous health and spirits.

We had a reception at the Embassy for a couple of hundred people, including Tallulah Bankhead and her associates. Afterwards, John Gunther and his wife and the Bill Tylers came to dinner with us. John Gunther is doing a magazine article on General Eisenhower, and both he and his wife are [redacted] attractive.

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Wednesday, September 26, 1951

I saw Bill Doeller this morning, and then called on the Yugoslav Ambassador at 1, Boulevard Delessert. He is a [redacted] vigorous and sympathetic fellow, [redacted]. He regards the settlement of the Trieste problem as quickly as possible as being the most important affair needing regulation in Europe. He says public opinion in his country is constantly irritated by Italian declarations, official or otherwise, but must admit that the same is also true in Italy. He believes sufficient good will exists in Yugoslavia to reach a reasonable arrangement with the Italians.

I had lunch at the Turkish Embassy at 17, rue Berton. M. Menemencioglu is immensely pleased over the progress made toward the admission of Turkey and Greece to NATO. I sat next to the Turkish Ambassador at London, who was for fourteen years Turkish Foreign Minister. He is [redacted] intelligent. The Turkish diplomats of the old school whom I have met always seem to be highly agreeable and full of jokes. The Ambassador had, from a culinary standpoint, a remarkably fine lunch, with a great assortment of old wines. I did a little business with Alexandre Parodi.

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This afternoon, Mr. McClure-Smith, publisher of the Melbourne Herald whom I had seen here two years ago, came to call. He is on his way to England. He says the operation on King George VI's lung has aroused a tremendous anxiety all through the British Empire, and believes if the King's condition is still critical at the time of the election on October 25th the Labor party will receive many votes which otherwise would not be cast for it, because of a desire not to change governments during such a period of tension. I must say this seems pretty far fetched to me.

Lansing Warren came in, and afterwards Tyler introduced Mr. Morris, the new Cultural Attaché, [redacted]. He is [redacted] flatteringly recommended.

I went to see Canadian General Vanier, and we discussed a number of problems. He, Oliver Harvey, Guillaume and myself are going down to Tarbes on October 20th for a ceremony honoring Marshal Foch, who was born there one hundred years ago.

Tonight, E. and I went to the Théatre Edouard VII to see "Les Innocents", an adaptation for the stage of Henry James' short story

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"The Turn of the Screw", the translation of which was done by Paule de Beaumont and a collaborator. The cast was excellent, and the gloomy psychological study was [redacted] well rendered.

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Thursday, September 27, 1951.

David Rockefeller came to call this morning. He is here on business connected with the Chase Bank. I then saw three representatives of CARE, Messrs. Carnig, Benedict and Minor. Afterwards I called on the Haitian Ambassador who is [redacted] comfortably ensconced at 198 avenue Victor Hugo. He is still young, [redacted] an army officer by career, seemingly intelligent, [redacted]

Went to lunch at the American Club where Pierre de Gaulle made a good speech on the subject of the two thousandth anniversary of Paris. He had just come from Bagatelle, where Evangeline presented him with flowers from our 48 States.

This afternoon I met some individuals who have recently arrived for our staff with whom I had not previously been in contact.

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Friday, September 28, 1951.

E. and I went to London this morning by plane and arrived back to-night at six o'clock. I did some shopping [redacted] then went to see Walter Gifford and Julius Holmes at the Embassy. I talked to Julius about holding another meeting of our European ambassadors. He thought it would be well to do so while the Secretary was in Paris at the United Nations meeting. We also discussed the new set-up of a military security agency to replace ECA. Presumably, Averell will be the head of this. In both our embassies we would like to have the Chief of the ECA local mission also head the economic division of the Embassy.

Upon my return, I saw David Nes about various office matters.

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[redacted] Saturday, September 29, 1951.

Red O'Hare came to see me this morning regarding the forthcoming trip of General Collins. I arranged to have a cocktail party for the General next Thursday if that proves convenient to him.

Doug MacArthur and Bill Tyler came in to talk about what is commonly referred to as the deterioration in the French situation. The Government had great difficulties with the Parliament, but the latter is now in recess and probably will not reconvene until November 6th.

Took a long walk this afternoon. E. is ill with grippe.

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Sunday, September 30, 1951.

Stayed at home all day reading office and other material. I finished "The Blessing" by Nancy Mitford, and also a recent English biography on the two Dumas.

This afternoon, I had a walk with Sasha and introduced her for the first time to a Merry-Go-Round. She is [redacted] sweet and companionable.

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Monday, October 1, 1951.

I talked to Colonel Herrmann about the European Agricultural Pool. Ambrose Chambers brought Dr. Edmund Goodman to see me. He is under consideration as head of the American Hospital. He is one of the leading surgeons in New York and has been highly recommended by Averell Harriman and Lew Douglas. He is a fine-looking, attractive fellow, but has by no means made up his mind as to whether he would accept the position. Financial questions are involved, since he would wish to have American doctors as the key members of his staff and also a complement of American nurses. I hope it can be worked out.

Since E. is still ill, Elizabeth Nes acted as my hostess to-day for a lunch I gave for Eric Johnston, The following were the other guests: Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Dewey, Mr. Lewis Einstein, Mrs. Harvey Firestone Jr., Miss Elizabeth Firestone, Mr. G. Griffith Johnson, Miss Anne Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Francis White, Miss

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Leonora Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rousseau, Mr. William H. Burnham, Colonel and Mrs. Justus Lawrence, and David Nes.

Charles Dewey saw General Eisenhower yesterday about the possibility of the United States Army helping to complete the Saint Lo Hospital and use it thereafter. I promised to follow this up for him.

I had a long talk with Eric Johnston this afternoon. He feels that inflation at home will have a new spurt in the autumn when contract talks in the steel industry are re-opened. He feels no confidence that the familiar cycle of higher wages and higher prices can be arrested in the present political climate.

Such inflation will, of course, further accentuate similar forces in other parts of the world. In France, prices have risen approximately 30% since Korea, and are tending considerably higher. Steel prices were raised here 22% to-day. The minimum wage in most private

industries in France have recently been hiked 15 to 17%.

I went to the Steering Committee meeting of the European Army Conference this afternoon. General Speidel, who had once been General Rommel's Chief of Staff, and was also for a time attached to the Paris garrison, arrived for his first meeting. There was great opposition to his coming here on the part of some members of the French Government and especially by the Communists. He is a determined looking officer. The session was devoted to a review of what had taken place since our last meeting. It was agreed by all that we should go forward with daily sessions.

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Tuesday, October 2, 1951.

I went to the chiropodist this morning and then to Morgan's Bank where I had a talk with Mr. Anderson, President of J.P. Morgan & Company, Dean Jay and Bunny Carter about the situation in France.

General Vanier came to see me at the office this morning. He is [redacted] pleased that, as a result of my talk with Doug MacArthur, he is lunching with General Eisenhower to-day.

Mr. Paul Manheim of Lehman Brothers, with his sister, Mrs. Kaplan, called on me. He is still interested in the purchase of a German interest in a Saar steel plant, which he discussed with me last year. The French Government owns shares in this property. My own feeling is [redacted] the French Government will reach no decision on this before the fate of the Schuman Plan is settled.

I went to see Martha Slater and had a talk with her about her impending divorce from Nelson. It has been

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a great shock to her and has some complicated aspects.

I stopped for [redacted] lunch at Prunier at their shell fish bar. Next to me was a young Englishman who took large pinches of snuff between each course - a novel sight. [redacted]

This afternoon I saw two recently arrived officers whom I had not previously met, - Mr. Alexander T. Prengel, Deputy Regional Security Supervisor, and Mr. Horace J. Nickels, who is engaged in the field of peripheral reporting. Dean Beekman came in with the latest story on his negotiations with the Catholic Archbishop for the Students' Center property over in Montparnasse. Mr. Sorine, the famous Soviet [redacted] painter, called. He offered to do portraits of Evangeline and myself, but I told him I regretted we would not have the time. In his case, this is especially true, for I have known him to have sittings every day during four months before he turned out one of his attractive miniature-like pictures.

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The Uruguayan Ambassador came to see me to make arrangements for some members of his delegation at the United Nations to meet members of our delegation prior to the formal commencement of discussions.

I went over to see M. Bidault about one of the French army officers who had been their chief liaison with us on MDAP matters. He has reached retirement age and we are [redacted] anxious [redacted] he be continued if possible on active service. Bidault talked to me [redacted] entertainingly about the proceedings in Ottawa. He is moderately optimistic over what the French Government can do in the military field.

[redacted] Wednesday, October 3, 1951.

I had a long conversation with Tomlinson this morning about the Schuman Plan, European Defense Forces and a Political Federation for Europe. Things are not going well in the talks regarding a contractual agreement in Germany, and it looks as if the conception of a European defense force is more desirable than ever.

Paul Porter came to [redacted] discuss various ECA matters. He is going home next week, but I hope he will return and take up a permanent position with OSR.

Messrs. Arey and Denison of the Export Import Bank visited me. They have just arranged for a fifty million dollar loan to the German textile interests to buy raw cotton in the United States. They will explore the possibility of doing something similar in France. It may be rather difficult here, since the French Government is already heavily indebted to this bank.

Jimmy Riddleberger discussed the plans which

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Mr. Porter and he had in mind of curtailing drastically the number of employees at OSR, which would, in my opinion, be a salutary thing.

Red O'Hare told me [redacted] General Bradley is arriving next Monday. General Collins will be here this afternoon.

I had lunch in the office, and then saw Miss Gwen Harrison, who represents a Miami newspaper, and had a letter of introduction from an old OSS associate, Hoke McDonald. She brought with her Mr. and Mrs. Pick from Miami Beach.

Walter Kerr expressed considerable gloom regarding the French political situation. He says [redacted] the Gaullists are all out to overthrow the government, no matter what the consequences. It looks as if they would vote solidly against the European Army, which I think would be the most mistaken action they could take from the standpoint of French national interests.

Mr. Mitchell Carroll, a member of the National Trade Foreign Council, came to see me. Then M. Chavane,

with a friend of his, representing the Salon de Tourisme et l'Industrie Hotellière asked me to preside over an "American" dinner [redacted] they expect to give next month. I shall have to look into this, because if I go to an American dinner, I will be expected to go to a long lot of others featuring dishes of all nationalities.

Bill Tyler and I went over to the Invalides to see General de Lattre this afternoon. He was in wonderful form, and [redacted] pleased with his trip to the United States, - incidents of which he recited with his usual dramatic intensity. He really is a fascinating man, and [redacted] as temperamental as an Opera star.

Upon my return to the office, I went through some papers, and [redacted] later Jean Monnet came to see me at the house.

Thursday, October 4, 1951.

Virginia Clarke arrived yesterday to stay several days with us.

General Collins, Army Chief of Staff, came to see me this morning. He is going from here to Germany, then to Sweden, and afterwards to Yugoslavia, and will return home via the Far East. I was delighted to hear that he will stop to visit General de Lattre in Indochina.

General MacCloskey brought in two of his recently arrived officers, one [redacted] Colonel Turner and the other Colonel Green. Colonel Green is a brother-in-law of Jim Douglas, Lew's brother.

I had a chat with Mr. Theodore Jaeckel, Press Section of USIS, and said goodbye to John Ford of the Security Office, who has been assigned to Washington.

We had for lunch to-day the John Gunthers, Mr. Schley and Greta Garbo. I have always been a great admirer of Miss Garbo, and found her even more [redacted] and beautiful than I had expected. She has immense

charm, and is delightful in conversation.

Geoffrey Parsons came to see me, and we talked about various French matters. I then saw Messrs. Webb and Dunn of the National Cotton Council, which sponsors each year the trip of "Miss Cotton" to Europe.

Mr. William Feitelberg with letters of introduction from Senator Ferguson, and Senator Johnson of California, called. I had a visit from Ambassador Palmer, [redacted] head of our delegation on the Palestine mediation question. I had a phone call from Nancy Astor's daughter, asking me to keep an eye on Nancy's granddaughter, Lady Nancy Willoughby, a seventeen year girl who has just been put in school here.

E. being still incommoded by grippe, I had a reception for General and Mrs. Collins this afternoon, attended by most of the brass from SHAPE, as well as our own attachés and the head people in MAAG. It went well. [redacted]. Both General and Mrs. Collins are [redacted] attractive. I saw Mrs. Norstad for the first time since her arrival in Paris. She and her husband are

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a [redacted] handsome couple. Bobby O'Hare received with me.

I had dinner with the Chambers at 13 rue Monsieur. The others were: Lord and Lady Granard, and Jacqueline Patenôtre. Jacqueline and I talked at great length about the French political situation which she regards with a good deal of discouragement. I saw Foxie Sefton there before dinner.

We have been intensely occupied lately - especially Woodie - with the question of Middle East negotiations, looking toward an arrangement which might cancel out the present intention of the Egyptian Government to abrogate its treaty with Great Britain, and have British troops expelled from the Canal zone. This affair is further complicated by the necessity of making some form of arrangement with the Turks before a serious offer is made to the Egyptians. General Bradley will be here Monday, and it is hoped something definite can be settled upon shortly after his arrival. Meanwhile, the withdrawal of the remainder of the British technicians from Iran

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has considerably diminished the already feeble prestige of the British, and, only to a slightly less degree, of ourselves in the Middle East.

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Friday, October 5, 1951.

I met two more of our recently arrived staff members this morning, - Mr. Howard P. Winter, Assistant Legal Attaché, and Mr. Robert A. Clark Jr., Regional Supervisor of the Courier Service.

M. Poulain of the Nicolas wine firm came to see me this morning, and I ordered six hundred bottles of red Bordeaux from him. He is to have to-morrow his twenty-fourth operation for an intestinal growth.

I had a long talk with Harry Labouisse regarding his plans for the future operation of the ECA French Mission.

René Pleven came to lunch with me alone. He expressed complete confidence in his ability to secure a favorable vote from Parliament, in spite of the opposition of the Gaullists and Communists, on the Schuman and EDF plans. On domestic issues he is much more pessimistic.

Messrs. Harold H. Helm and Clinton C. Johnson of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York, called on me. I saw Daniel Sickles, a descendant of the Queen

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of Spain's famous lover, General [redacted] Sinkles, about a visa case.

Ulius Amoss visited me. He has just made a long tour through Europe in connection with his intelligence reporting organization. He thinks [redacted] discontent in the satellite countries has reached a point where it constitutes a source of major concern to the Soviet authorities.

Maurice Ferro, the Washington correspondent of Le Monde, called. He is [redacted] intelligent, and expects to remain here a month or so.

Jimmy Riddleberger came in to advise me of OSR's plans for personnel curtailment before the turn-over from ECA to the new Military Security Agency.

To-night, the Ned Crockers, (Ambassador to Iraq), Francis and Nancy White, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Greene of the US Embassy in Sweden, came to dinner. We had some Musigny de Vogué 1921 [redacted] which is still good, but did not compare with the Chateau Latour 1918 that M. Pleven and I drank for lunch.

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Saturday, October 6,1951.

The much heralded taxi strike yesterday did not tie up traffic as anticipated. The theory of the taxi drivers was that if they scrupulously obeyed all control regulations, it would be impossible for vehicles to move in the Paris streets. It was almost impossible already. The reason for the protest was that the Municipality has proposed giving taxi drivers a physical examination every ten years. Most of them have physical defects of one kind or another, but insist on their right to drive. It is said that one-half of all the taxi cabs in Paris are involved in an accident each year.

René Mayer asked Tommy and myself to come and see him this morning, and we had a long session at his office. He outlined at considerable length the necessity for a decision on the amount of American aid as rapidly as that was practicable. The Treasury balances are seriously depleted, and at the end of this month there

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will be a crisis in Treasury accounts.

I had a private talk with him afterwards. He thinks the government is in for a critical time in connection with domestic policies, but as regards foreign policy, it will obtain the necessary votes in Parliament.

We had for lunch at the house to-day, Jo and Florence Davidson, Elsa Maxwell, Clair Irish, Prince Matila Ghika, Alice Lee Myers, John Utter, Bruce Forbes, Anne Vanderbilt and Jane Chase. E. came to lunch, but is still feeling seedy.

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Sunday, October 7, 1951.

I was to meet Averell at the airport this morning, but the arrival of his plane was delayed several hours, so I was unable to do so, as we had asked Georges and Suzy Bidault for lunch at Versailles. Bill and Betsy Tyler, their daughter Eve, and Sasha were also there. The Bidaults are [redacted] entertaining companions. We did not talk too much about politics, but his views coincide almost exactly with those expressed by René Mayer yesterday. Bill took up with him the matter of increasing and making more effective the French Ministry of Defense's information program. He said [redacted] he was completely in accord with our views, and would see that they are implemented.

To-night, Marie Louise Bousquet had dinner with us. She has recently been to Dax for a rheumatic cure which greatly benefitted her. Her account of the Bestegui ball at Venice was [redacted] amusing. It must have been a superb spectacle, although attended by [redacted] unfortunate publicity.

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Monday, October 8, 1951.

Alan Kirk came to see me this morning. He is spending two days here before going to Washington. He will return to Paris in November as adviser to our United Nations delegation. He said [redacted] his experience as Ambassador to the Soviet Union [redacted] had been [redacted] interesting but [redacted] frustrating. He was allowed no contact with Russians except for [redacted] occasional interviews with Foreign Office officials. He asked to see Stalin before he left, but was told [redacted] the Generalissimo was unavailable. His last interview with Vychinski, in which Kirk asked the Soviet [redacted] Government to put an end to the fighting in Korea, provoked the usual Soviet line of argument that the Southern Koreans and the United States had unloosed the war there.

We had a lunch at the house to-day for the Henry Hydes, Trafford Klotz, Marian Hall, the Arthur Sachs and Freddy Davis. I had a [redacted] talk with Averell on the phone this afternoon regarding Jean Monnet's attitude toward the Wise Men's Conference. Monnet wishes to re-

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study the whole question of military requirements, and draw up an inventory of what has been done to date in each NATO country, including the United States, what deliveries have been made, contracts let, etc. The American and British approach is to take the military requirements, which will again be screened by the military authorities, then determine the economic potentialities for rearmament of the member nations and arrive at the resulting gap. It would seem to me that a compromise could be reached, to deal with the problem by making use of both methods.

Chuck Spofford called me from London to discuss the same subject.

The situation in Germany remains tense in view of the unification issue. If the Russians are willing to lose East Germany for a time through a free election, they could gravely embarrass NATO by agreeing to such an election, proposing the neutralization of Germany, and the withdrawal of occupying forces.

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Jack McCloy called me about this to-day, and seems relatively optimistic that Adenauer can handle the affair satisfactorily.

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Tuesday, October 9, 1951.

My old friend Hamilton Owens, Editor of the Baltimore Sun papers, called this morning. He had arrived in Paris last night, without having engaged hotel accommodations, and finally wound up by spending the night in a lodging house. After trying eleven hotels, we got him in the Vendôme.

Paris is congested in every respect at this time. There is a Nautical Exhibition going on in the Cours de la Reine, and opposite it, the annual Automobile Salon, which is said to draw about 400,000 people from the provinces. The streets are so crowded with traffic that it takes me as much as 45 minutes to get home at night, and I find it quicker to walk.

I went to the University Club lunch at the Cercle Interallié. The guest of honor was Prince Napoleon. He told me that of the enormous Bonaparte family he and his infant son are the only remaining males with the Napoleon or Bonaparte names, although there are many female relatives.

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He is about 6 feet 6 tall and bears no resemblance whatever to the pictures of Napoleon Bonaparte. His English is excellent. He has visited the United States four times, and has many friends there. He was educated in Belgium, and had never lived in France until last year, when the law, [redacted] in effect for generations, exiling pretenders to the defunct French throne was repealed. During the war, he [redacted] was first in the Foreign Legion, and later in a French maquis, in both of which he earned an enviable reputation for bravery. He has many Napoleonic relics, [redacted] now on exhibition at the Invalides, and eventually he hopes to create a museum for them.

Hamilton Owens returned to see me this afternoon, and I talked with him about the French situation.

M. Pierre Gourmain from the little town of Vailly (Aisne) called to ask whether we approved of [redacted] placing a tablet there to commemorate the

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town's liberation by an American soldier, who was killed during his exploit. He also invited me to attend the ceremonies in this connection. This will take place in the winter or spring. I was very touched by what he said. It seems the remains of the jeep are constantly adorned with flowers by the villagers.

Trafford Klotz came in to look at portraits of ambassadors in connection with the one he has done of me.

I went over to the European Army Conference late this afternoon. The Dutch Ambassador called me to-day to say his government had decided to change from an observer status to that of a participant. We went over a long report from the Military Sub Committee. The most difficult matter to resolve at the moment is whether or not to place a limitation in numbers on the troops to be maintained outside of the continent by those nations who have overseas territories. This was put a side for further study.

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Averell telephoned me to-night to say [redacted]

the initial meeting of the "Wise Men" had gone fairly

well, and that Monnet, after many hesitations, would be

the French representative, - which is good news.

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Wednesday, October 10, 1951.

Early this morning, Marie Harriman telephoned me and said her daughter, Mary Morgan, had been stricken during the night with spinal meningitis in Madrid. Thereafter, we spent a good part of the day telephoning back and forth to Madrid, and arranged for Stan Griffis to have her flown to Paris. This was accomplished, and she arrived here this evening, quite ill.

General Bradley came to see me. He is leaving to-day via Athens for Turkey. His task is immensely complicated by the action taken on Monday in Cairo to abrogate the British-Egyptian Treaty, allowing British forces to be stationed in the Suez Canal zone, and also denouncing the Condominium for the Anglo-Sudan. The Egyptians knew an offer would be forthcoming in a few days to settle the Suez Canal question by setting up a Middle Eastern Command. However, I assume that for domestic reasons they jumped the gun, which will create a tense situation.

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Philip Stull of the Hercules Powder Company, called on me. In view of the mounting inflation in Western Europe, his company has decided not to go ahead with some of its projects about establishing plants here.

Henry Hyde came in. He has one of the quickest minds I have ever known, as well as a delightful personality. He is doing [redacted] well in his international law business, which was founded on a chance encounter with one of the Thyssen family a few years ago.

I had lunch in the office, [redacted] then saw Kennedy Boone and his new Australian wife. They have established themselves in San Francisco.

Frank Ryan, head of the World Commerce Corporation, told me [redacted] his business is doing [redacted] well. He was much impressed by the improvement in Spain, which he has just visited, over a year ago. This is largely due to adequate rainfall, and a consequent increase in the crops.

André Visson, of Reader's Digest, also came in. He thinks

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the French are about to devalue the franc, - an opinion which I do not share at the present time, although it may come to pass later on. The franc in the black market is now selling at 415 to the dollar against an official rate of 350.

I went over to the American House at the Cité Universitaire to make a speech to the new class of Fulbright students. There are approximately 220 of them in this third year of operation. They have been carefully selected because of their academic achievements, and were a fine looking lot of young men and women.

We had dinner to-night with the Bunny Carters. Bunny's sister, Lady Gosford, Bill Tyler, the Guy de Rotchschild, the François de Roses and Mr. Alexander, President of the J. P. Morgan Bank, were the other guests.

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Thursday, October 11, 1951.

David Williamson came to see me this morning, and we talked about his assignment as head of the ECA Mission in Indochina, where he is going at the end of the week. I am sure he will do well. I have seen him [redacted] seldom since I got him out of the State Department in 1942 to join OSS. Since the end of the war, he has been living on his farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Claire McLean, with the Lee Taylors, called on me. She asked me to make a speech before the Evening Bulletin Forum in Philadelphia next March. I would be glad to do it, if I happen to be home at that time.

We had a lunch to-day for the Spanish Ambassador and his wife, the de Nemours, the Duchesse de la Rochefoucauld, Isa Sidney, Camille Gutt and his partner in the bank, Baron Lambert, and the Ken Boltons. I used to know Lambert's mother. She bought a large farm at Marshall, Virginia, during the war, and later sold it. Gutt believes [redacted] the devaluation of ~~the~~ sterling and the franc is imminent.

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We are sending off a long cable to Washington on [redacted] That subject this afternoon. The French Foreign Exchange Fund last 25 million dollars on Monday of this week in its operations, and the pressures against the franc have become [redacted] heavy.

Bob Bowie and I had a long conversation this afternoon about the East German proposals for unification of Germany. This is a [redacted] disturbing matter, and one cannot see clearly how it is likely to end.

Teddy White called on me, and afterwards I saw M. Boisanger, Director of the American desk at the Foreign Office. Rives Childs, our Ambassador in Ethiopia, came in. He is [redacted] much pleased with his post.

Homer Bigart visited me to discuss the European Army, which we did at length.

I had a telephone call to-night from Phil Jessup in Washington, asking that I check with General Eisenhower's office to see whether General Eisenhower's calendar for 1949 would

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support Jessup's testimony that he was not present at a White House conference on February 5,1949. Fortunately, General Eisenhower's records are here, and Colonel Schultz, his aide, found a book for that date which disclosed that Jessup had appeared before Eisenhower and the Board of Trustees of Columbia University on February 5,1949, to request an extension of an additional year of his leave from the University. This disgraceful performance in regard to Phil's confirmation as a US delegate to the United Nations conference next month has been going on for weeks in the Senate.

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Friday, October 12, 1951.

Mr. Cody brought in Mr. Hulton, the new USIE regional representative, this morning. Mr. McKay, Commissioner for Immigration and Naturalization, called, accompanied by Mr. Dulaney, Assistant Commissioner.

I went to call on M. Schuman and discussed with him the importance of having as early a reply as possible to his letter regarding a joint policy toward French North Africa. I also talked to him concerning the possibility of a Three Power statement on the Grotewohl proposals. He thought it would be a bad idea at this time, and might be resented by the Germans as unnecessary interference in their domestic affairs.

Upon my return to the office, I found [redacted] a cable had come in saying [redacted] Secretary Acheson would make a statement this afternoon on this subject. I telephoned McCloy, and found him [redacted] opposed to it, and we are both sending telegrams home advising against it.

We had a lunch to-day for the [redacted] Ambassador Ranin

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and his wife. The other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Martinez de Hoz, Countess de Fels, Mr. Robert Gérard and the Norman Armours.

PZ arrived back to-day and was also at lunch.

I had a talk with the Ranjon Ambassador who thinks another try must be made to settle the oil situation, otherwise Iran will be economically ruined and all sorts of political complications will follow.

Preston Grover came to see me this afternoon. He is doing an article on General Eisenhower, and wished to have my views as to whether or not the General may run for the presidency. I told him with perfect truth I was as ignorant as an Esquimo of the General's plans in that connection.

Nelson Slater came in. He has just arrived, and is spending a week here before going on to Germany. I shall see him on my return from Venice.

I had a talk with Hamilton Owens. He is staying

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over to attend the briefing at the Eisenhower headquarters on Monday. He is sixty-three and looks less than fifty, which is remarkable in view of the many years of hard work he has put in on the Baltimore Sun.

Ed Martin came to see me and at 8.30 we took the train for Venice.

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Saturday, October 13,1951.

We left the Gare Saint Lazare at 8.30 last night on the Simplon Orient Express, and arrived at nine this morning in Milan, where we breakfasted while our sleeper was being shunted to another train. During four hours, we rolled over the flat and fruitful Lombardian plain, much impressed by its verdure and irrigation ditches, before reaching Mestre from which a bridge conducts one across the lagoons to Venice. We were whisked from the station by motor launch to the Gritti hotel, once an appendage of the Grand Hotel, but since five years on its own, and surely the most attractive little hostelry in the world, except perhaps the Aviz in Lisbon.

The eclectic head waiter, who speaks all tongues and knows apparently everything, gave us our first Venetian meal - Soave wine from Verona, plump scampi, strong smoky cheese, the best coffee imaginable, and a glass of rawish Grappa. He said Ernest Hemmingway

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had warmly recommended us a couple of years ago, and, whether true or not, he was certainly most obliging and kind. We were rapidly equipped with a gondolier, Pietro, a dark, impressive creature, brave with a scarlet silk sash, and a gondola all black and gilt. After three false starts in as many years, at last we had realized a dream. E. had never been here. I had half crossed Europe, thirty years ago, to see Venice for a day, and once again in the early thirties had spent forty-eight hours here.

Naturally, our first steps led us to the Piazza San Marco. There the great cathedral, so Byzantine, the blue clock, the almost painfully beautiful Doge's palace, the two columns of St. Theodore and the Lion of Saint Mark (between which the pavement had so often been deluged with blood), the flights of sacred pigeons, the Mint, the Library, the Bridge of Sighs, the red stone lions incessantly mounted by small boys, Florian's café, the million and one other sights of this incomparable square with its unparalleled view seaward, completely enthralled us. The human eye

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was powerless to drink in such a variety of romantic and historical sights.

To dawdle properly, even in this confined space, would seem to require half a life time, and though we were physically weary by sunset it was almost impossible to quit the animated square.

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Sunday, October 14, 1951.

Brilliant sunshine to-day as yesterday. Gondoliers chatting unceasingly under our windows, fragrant coffee, rolls and jam for breakfast, motor boats of every description tooting and hooting on the Grand Canal, views from our windows of palaceswith marble Gothic tracery, the great onion domes of several churches clear in this opalescent atmosphere. It was almost cold, the water whipped by a biting, brackish breeze. We set out for the Tiepolo exhibition at the Public Gardens. Dozens of canvases, hundreds of sketches and fantasies in every medium. Especially we liked the work of the younger Tiepolo - above all his scenes of carnival life.

Thence to lunch at the Taverna, with abundance of fish and crustaceans. Thereafter, we visited the Grassi palace for the last day of the exhibition of costumes, books, and in fact of almost everything illustrative of Venetian history. Afterwards, we viewed the great palaces of the Grand Canal, and returned through small waterways to the

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hotel. It is utterly trite to think of this city as being unique, yet it is what one says to oneself over and over. For a thousand years, it retained its independence, indomitable, proud (and until the end of the 15th century fantastically rich and successful) until Napoleon struck it down about 1797. It seems almost incredible that as early as the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries its citizens constructed dwellings and public edifices of such taste and magnificence. There must be a thousand residences of real architectural significance here, and perhaps [redacted] more. Every little canal seems to have unexpected, though dilapidated, treasures to offer. Venice is shabby and in parts derelict, but she has been slowly dying for a hundred and fifty years or longer with unprecedented distinction.

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Monday, October 15,1951.

We spent a good part of the day going to and being at Torcello. The proprietors of Harry's Bar - a Venetian spot famous for its Martini cocktails - have established a restaurant there. We ate risotto with scampi, and fresh sole before visiting the only place of interest, the famous basilica and church. Never have I seen anything so pleasant as the former, with its colonnades and dome. Returned to the city - an hour's ride on a crowded power boat - we walked from the Rialto bridge through the best shopping quarter, the Mercuria - back to the hotel. We had in the morning already seen the Academia del Arte - glowing with the sensuousness of Venetian pictures - and, quite another thing, the Salviati glass salesrooms. In spite of the superb workmanship of the famous glass [redacted] everywhere [redacted] exposed for sale, it does strike me as ugly in design, and in that particular not to be compared with the Steuben productions. We have bought nothing at the

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shops, and have been tempted only by two 16th century negro statuettes, whose price of 1,500,000 lire (with 630 lire to the dollar) is quite ridiculous. Everywhere one hears the same story. In spite of centuries of collecting, almost all antiques except those owned by State or Municipal authorities, have long since disappeared from Venice, and the few occasionally exposed for sale are seldom of high quality. The Bestégui ball this summer attracted many rich visitors who cleaned up what was then in the shops. We saw his palace, the Labia. It is badly situated but has famous Tiepolo paintings; unfortunately, he is back in Paris so we cannot see them.

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Tuesday, October 16, 1951.

We were oared by Pietro to the Rezzonico Palace this morning. Such a place. Salon after salon, of vast extent, and some containing the total of their 17th and 18th century furnishings. This alone was worth a journey to Venice.

Then to the San Rocca quarter to visit the Scuola, (an acre, it appeared, of Tintoretto paintings) a monument to the wealth and luxury of the patricians. But more remarkable is the fascinating church of Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, in some respects to me more interesting as to interior than St. Mark's.

We had to be restored early to-day with fresh golden scrambled eggs and tomatoes, little shrimps with oil and vinegar, scampi [redacted] and sole, and the best possible pears and apples, with our usual Soave wine.

This afternoon, we felt despondent over even commencing to see the innumerable points of interest commended by our guide books. This is no place for a

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passing tourist - there is so much to see that it is almost impossible to absorb definite impressions. We wandered around Saint Mark's square, visited the Rialto Bridge, an ideal vantage point to witness busy canal life, and stopped back at the Gritti before venturing down to Harry's Bar. The complete absence of traffic, except on the water, is [redacted] restful. We have not seen an automobile, a horse or donkey, and indeed few dogs, although a multitude of cats roam about. Of course there are no street cars.

Pauline Potter arrived to-day, and dined with us to-night. She is always such fun to be with. She rents an apartment here from time to time.

Almost a full moon to-night and we walked down to see Pauline off to the opposite shore on a little ferry boat. The Piazza San Marco deserted and fantastic.

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Wednesday, October 17, 1951

Brilliant sunshine as always. It has since our arrival been [illegible]d enough each day to require a sweater and overcoat. [illegible] went to the Doge's Palace, site of so much power and cruelty. The Great Council room superb, so many other rooms of interest. Were balked at entrance of the Correr Museum by closing time so withdrew to the Gritti for lunch with Pauline, where we greatly overate. To recover from the feeling of surfeit we all three, after stopping to see Pauline's apartment, with a fine view toward the Guidecca, walked steadily for three hours, winding up at the Rialto Bridge where Pietro met us.

I tried again vainly to enter the Correr Museum which had just closed. I met Turner Cameron on the street - he had just come in from Belgrade and we had a walk together. I called on Mr. Pitts, the American Consul. He is trying to get the Foreign Buildings Office to acquire a small palace on the Grand Canal for a price of about $80,000., which he considers reasonable since house properties in

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Venice are very expensive. He said that the statements one so often hears that since most of the buildings here are based on wooden piles sunk in the marshes, they are on the verge of having their foundations rot and precipitate them into ruin is nonsense. The piles are beneath the low tide mark and have proved, wherever he has heard of them being examined, to be in excellent condition. Venice, according to him, practically lives for and by the tourist trade, there is little industry, and scarcely any accumulated wealth outside of the trades that cater almost exclusively to tourists.

To-day, the sun did not last long, but it has been windless, rainless, and the temperature milder than at any time since our arrival.

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Thursday, October 18,1951.

Our last day, and we are sad at thinking of leaving. Beautiful weather. We went out in the gondola and saw various places of interest, but particularly the Colleoni Statue, the church of Paola and Giovanni, with its amazing tombs of Doges and [redacted] rich ornamentation, and lastly the Church of the Jesuiti. The Jesuiti was not built until about 1725, and has been much derided by Ruskin and other classicists. To us it seemed wonderful.

[redacted] Rococo, with marble worked into [redacted] intricate designs - the walls of green and white marble looking like damask. Even the altar steps were covered with marble simulating a rug.

Turner Cameron and Pauline Potter came to lunch with us at the Gritti, and the headwaiter, who has no peer anywhere, stuffed us to the bursting point.

We found entry to the Correr Museum - some good early pictures, and many interesting memorials of Napoleon and

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the Risorgimento.

Back to the hotel for the always dreary business of settling one's accounts. There was a service charge of twenty per cent, but it was evident the jolly personnel expected individual attention which they received. With the lira at 630 to the dollar, our bedroom, sitting-room and bath came to about $25. per day and the gondola $11. a day. The total trip, including railroad fare of $200. cost about $650.

The packet of news - 24 hours late - was bad. Liaquat Ali Khan had beenmassassinated in Pakistan, British soldiers had been set upon in Egypt and killed some natives, Bob Taft had announced himself for the Presidency, the Iranian oil dispute was as muddled as ever and so forth. In Venice, all these events seemed remote, but when we took the train for Paris at 6 p.m, they acquired a menacing aspect.

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Friday, October 19,1951.

We arrived back here at nine o'clock this morning from Venice. I had a busy day. Sam Berger and a large group met me this afternoon to discuss the labor and economic situation in France.

Stefan Zamoyski called on me. It seems that some of the contents of his wife's family's private museum in Cracow have been sold in the United States, and he is taking legal steps to try to ascertain the source of sale. He is now almost completely penniless. He has been instrumental in the last few years in sending back to Poland not only thoroughbred horses, but some objects of art [redacted] looted from Polish museums. When I asked him why he had done this, in view of the fact that Poland has a Communist government, he replied [redacted] there were still twenty-five million Poles there, and regardless of the government it was his duty to see [redacted] such national assets [redacted] returned. He tells me [redacted] his cousin and my friend Alfred Potocki, who has been desperately ill in Paris, is now on the mend.

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To-night, I left on the Presidential train for Tarbes to attend the ceremonies commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Marshal Foch. Shortly after we boarded it, President Auriol asked us to [redacted] his salon, where we drank a lot of champagne. From the Diplomatic Corps, the representatives are: General Vanier, of Canada, Ambassador Raphael of Greece, Baron Guillaume and Bill Hayter. Colonel Lowell Riley came with me. [redacted] The President has a large entourage, including Emmanuel Temple, Minister for War Veterans, General Grossin, M. Jacquinot, Minister for Overseas Territories, M. André Marie, Minister of Education, and various parliamentarians, senators and deputies.

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Saturday, October 20, 1951.

After a comfortable night in a [redacted] luxurious sleeping car, we breakfasted in the President's salon [redacted] at 7.30. A little before nine, we descended from the train at Valentine where Marshal Foch had passed a part of his youth. We went from there to the municipality of Valentine. There were elaborate ceremonies, including the unveiling of a statue. We had a lunch, with many courses, at Saint Gaudens, at which General Vanier made an admirable speech, as did Minister Jacquinot.

At Saint Gaudens, there was the unveiling of the statue to the three Pyrenean marshals of France, all [redacted] born within this small region and within a few years of each other, namely: Foch, Joffre and Gallieni. After lunch, we drove about forty miles to Tarbes, where there was a review of troops, a visit to Foch's birthplace, now a museum, and numerous effective speeches by President Auriol. At eight o'clock, there was a huge banquet, in every sense of the word, at the Hotel de

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Ville at Tarbes where the President delivered a really inspiring address.

We spent the night there at the Hotel Moderne. Meanwhile, President Auriol had proceeded on his journey for another round of manifestations.

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Sunday, October 21,1951.

This morning Messrs. Vanier, Guillaume, Hayter, Colonel Riley and myself took the Embassy plane to Paris - a 2 1/2 hour trip.

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Monday, October 22,1951.

I went this morning to the Théatre des Champs Elysées for the first meeting of the Association of Travel Agents. This is a North American Society, the members of which are here as guests of the French Government, and they are holding a convention [redacted] will last several days. There were a good many French officials, [redacted] and about fourteen hundred people in all, including General Vanier. I made quite a lengthy speech.

Tommy, Bob Bowie and myself spent an hour and a half together this morning going over the European Defense Force situation. It is [redacted] complicated, but definite progress is steadily being made.

I had a sandwich in the office, and afterwards saw Colonel Beebe, [redacted] representing Bob Lovett in connection with the Wise Men's studies.

Congressman Ribicoff of Connecticut came [redacted] to see me. He is [redacted] intelligent, and I remember him with [redacted] pleasure from his last visit here.

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I saw Harold Callender this afternoon for the first time since his return. His wife's death in New York of cancer has almost completely shattered him.

Averell Harriman, Link Gordon, Harry Labouisse and myself discussed this afternoon a telegram [redacted] I want to send to the State Department pointing out the financial difficulties with which the French Government finds itself confronted, and its desire to have conversations as soon as possible on what it might expect in the way of American aid. I want to be careful not to dispatch anything [redacted] in conflict with the present findings [redacted] of the Wise Men. We reached agreement on the telegram.

Tom and Gay Finletter arrived late to-night to spend a couple of days with us. He has been making a tour of air fields in Western Europe and Morocco. After dinner with them, E., PZ, and myself went to the Catherine Dunham ballet at the Champs Elysées theater. There was a failure of electricity, and the show opened

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an hour late. There were some numbers from the spectacles of previous years, and quite a lot of new ones. There was a [redacted] variation in quality between the various scenes, and I thought the reaction of the audience less enthusiastic than last year. She is a woman of great talent.

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Tuesday, October 23, 1951.

Tom Finletter came to the office this morning, and we had a long talk. He was [redacted] interesting on the subject of the build-up of the American Air Force, and what is going on in the field of atomic energy development.

Ed Martin came in for a final conversation with Tommy and myself before leaving for home to-night. We addressed our attention especially to the European Defense Force Conference, as well as to the difficult subject of the admission of Germany to NATO.

I had a sandwich in the office, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Newell Grinnell called on me. He is head of a travel agency in Rochester, New York. They brought a photographer with them, and we were all photographed together.

M. Funck, the Luxembourg Minister, came to say goodbye. He has passed retirement age, and is shortly to leave his post here and return home. He is an [redacted] amiable, cultivated man. He told me [redacted]

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M. Bech [redacted] has recovered from his recent grave illness and will attend the General Assembly meeting in Paris. Bech's difficulties were ascribed to his having been such a heavy smoker.

M. François Carvallo, owner of the Chateau de Villandry in the Touraine, and head of the Society for the Preservation of the Châteaux of France, was [redacted] interesting. Villandry itself has one of the finest gardens imaginable, divided into sections representative of the gardening art of various nations. I particularly remember glorious Moorish and Persian gardens there. He asked whether we would be interested in accepting his chateau for the use of the American Ambassador to France. I expressed appreciation, but told him [redacted] it was our Government's policy not to accept such gifts, and that a similar offer had lately been refused for Mrs. Clews' Chateau de la Napoule on the Riviera. He hopes to flood-

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light Villandry and its garden two or three times a week next summer, and stimulate the visit of tourists there and elsewhere in Touraine.

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Mr. Klieman, [redacted] recently arrived from Germany to represent US News and World Report, came in with Teddy White, and we discussed a variety of matters regarding the French situation.

General McNarney, [redacted] heading the military section of the Wise Men's Committee, spent an hour with me. We were in agreement that in order satisfactorily to bring about a rapid rearmament in Western Europe, there would need to be a larger allocation of American military items and funds than has hithertofore been authorized by the American Congress. Essentially, this poses a question for political decision, namely, whether, [redacted] instead of equipping a great number of ground forces stationed in the United States, a considerable part of this equipment should be sent to Europe where it would be immediately utilizable in the event of war. If a war should break out, under

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present conditions, and perhaps for a couple of years to come, well-equipped ground forces in the United States would have no impact whatever until too late.

I went around to see Oliver Harvey regarding instructions received by both of us to call on M. Schuman, and ask him whether the French Government envisaged any settlement of the Saar question before a peace treaty with Germany is brought under discussion. The Department had intended to send a strong note to the French Government on this, urging it to do something immediately, but as the affair is temporarily quiescent, both McCloy and myself were strongly in favor of confining any representation to a personal talk with M. Schuman.

I then went to see Jean Monnet, and we talked about the possibility of M. Pleven calling a convention of representatives of the Free Nations of Western Europe to attempt to draft a constitution for setting up a federation in Europe. We thought that, if it could be

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arranged, a speech by Pleven on this subject at the time of the opening of the General Assembly would be effective. This idea has been a cardinal feature of French foreign policy plans for a long time and Pleven referred to it last week in a discourse delivered at Marseille. However, no formal proposal has ever been made on the subject, since the French Government has been waiting for an opportune moment to do so.

When I arrived home, I found a reception in full swing. Catherine Dunham and various members of her show, Ruth Page, and her husband Tom Wilson, whose ballet is also running in Paris, and a couple of hundred other people were there. It was all very pleasant.

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Wednesday, October 24, 1951.

Joe Gray came to see me this morning about the proposal for having an American Womens Committee formed to assist in problems of the American Hospital. He seemed to think [redacted] there might be some opposition to this proposition on the part of the [redacted]mbers of the Board of Trustees. I called Dean Jay on the subject, and found [redacted] he and John Robinson were favorable to it. He felt, however, and I agree, that in the beginning such a committee should be advisory and should confine itself to problems connected with the Nurses' service. The matron at the hospital has been talking to Evangeline lately about securing enough money to furnish the new Nurses' wing. This might be one of the first matters to which such an Advisory Committee should address itself.

Ben Buttenweiser was down here from Germany and discussed with me a complicated and ingenious plan for securing from the Federal Republic an adequate and just military budget. I talked later to Tommy about

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this, and the views of himself and Bowie are generally in accord with those of Buttenweiser. This question is a [redacted] vexatious one in the European Conference, and involves as well the future of occupation costs.

We had a lunch to-day at the house for Miss McKenzie, (the New Zealand Chargé d'Affaires), Janet Flaner (Gênet), Gay Finletter, PZ, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Timmons, John Fowler and Charles Moore, [redacted]

Immediately after lunch, [redacted] Finletter and Laurie Norstadt came to see me. Laurie had just come back from Morocco where he had several talks with General Guillaume about the situation there. He has a [redacted] high opinion of General Guillaume who attempted to explain [redacted] the reasons for his demand to our Consul that he should cease to receive any Arab visitors at the Consulate. Meanwhile, we have been working here and in Washington on the note [redacted] the French Government asked [redacted] we send them stating our support of French policy in

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Morocco. This question is complicated by the necessity of not doing anything [redacted] prejudice our position in the Morrocan case before the International Court of Justice at The Hague, and also because we cannot, and should not, agree to a blanket endorsement of whatever may prove to be French policy in the future in Morocco. However, we are [redacted] anxious to reach a settlement of this matter. Norstadt is [redacted] concerned for the security of our forces and installations in that territory, and feels that solidarity between the American, British and French governments [redacted] Moroccan policy is essential. With this I thoroughly agree. The British have already expressed themselves satisfactorily in this connection. A number of people in our Government seem unaware, in their enthusiasm for any Nationalist movements, of the grave consequences that might ensue, especially at a time when Arab spirits are already inflamed and our [redacted] if complete security interests are so vital, [redacted] independence to

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Tunisia, Morocco, etc. at this time were granted [redacted]

George Weiss of the firm of Lache & Company came to see me. Afterwards Dean Riddle and Canon Verduin. The Canon wants me to ascertain whether some sort of service clubs, perhaps under the jurisdiction of USO or the American Red Cross, might not be set up in Paris to care for the numerous American armed service personnel who come here on leave. He thinks [redacted] this would help in keeping them off the streets, improve their behaviour, and attract them away from the less desirable features of Paris life. Dean Riddle remained with me afterwards to tell me of the dispute between the American Pro Cathedral Church and the Church Center. Dean Beekman succeeded last spring in having several members of the Church Vestry dropped from the Students' Center board. Gerry Mayer had spoken to me of this last night. He was [redacted] a member of that Board and Dean Beekman had, according to him, forged his proxy for use at the meeting at which Mayer, Bunny Carter, Tupper Barrett and other trustees

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were not re-elected. Dean Beekman has taken the Students' Center under his complete charge. Riddle left with me a large folder containing the history of the relationship between the two organizations. There would seem to be no doubt that the Center has always been an extension of the church's activities, and [redacted] Dean Beekman for his own purposes has effected this unnatural separation. Apparently the issues involved have not been commented on by the newspapers, but there is great bitterness in the American colony against the old Dean, who appears to have acted in an especially unscrupulous [redacted] manner. I shall look into this. Dean Riddle has behaved in all this, as one would expect, with [redacted] dignity and forbearance.

I went over to the Steering Committee meeting at t[redacted] Quai d'Orsay of the European Defense Forces. A good deal of progress has been made, especially in the military field. We also had a report from the Juridical Committee.

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To-night, E. and I, the Finletters and the

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Chambers had dinner with Marie and Averell at 10 rue de Courcelles, the house they have rented from Mr. Sherrill. It is a beautiful private hotel between court and garden, and was the home for many years of Brigadier General Charles Sherrill, whose son now owns it. Averell gave me a copy of the Forrestal Diaries which he had brought with him from the United States, and read some of the extracts covering Harriman's reports in the early forties on the Russian and Far Eastern situation.

Marie's daughter is rapidly recovering. She had a form of meningitis which apparently will leave no permanent ill effects.

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Thursday, October 25, 1951.

I talked to Doug MacArthur this morning about General Eisenhower's recent declaration, in which he stated that the legitimate aspirations of the Mohammedan people should be given effect. This has aroused much comment and apprehension in France and in North Africa. Undoubtedly when he returns from his present short vacation in Scotland he will be closely questioned as to what he meant. It seemed to Doug and myself that the less he expands on this topic the better, and he might well confine himself to saying that naturally his remarks were of a general nature, and he would be absolutely opposed to any attempt on the part of the peoples of the Islamic world to violate their international or bi-lateral treaty obligations.

Harry Labouisse came to talk about the French financial situation, and we walked over together to the American Club where we listened to a well phrased discourse by Victor Reuther, representative

of CIO, on the subject of Communism and the necessity for combatting it by raising the standard of living of urban workers, especially in France and Italy.

Chuck Spofford, Woodie, Tommy and I met this afternoon to go over the prospect of having a NATO meeting in Rome about November 24th. It is our feeling that work will be sufficiently well advanced on the EDF, the German Contractual Agreement and the Wise Men's Committee to justify such a meeting.

Bob Newbegin came in to say [redacted] goodbye. He is going back to Washington for two months as a member of the Selection Board. This is unfortunate because he has been here a [redacted] short time and is valuable to us here.

I dashed over to see Pernet, who had accumulated some antiques for me to look at, and most of Tom [redacted] I took.

M. Schuman made a speech to-day to the Foreign Correspondents Association which has aroused a great deal of interest and speculation. The gist of it is that he is going to propose a Federation of Europe at the

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meeting of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on November 26th.

I went to the EDF conference at seven o'clock to-night. They made good progress on military phases. I went directly from there to dinner with Cy and Marina Sulzberger at 215 bis Boulevard Saint German. Arthur Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, his wife, Grace and Al Gruenther, Marie and Averell and Evangeline were the others. We had a lot of talk about the political federation of Europe, and I discussed the Moroccan situation at some length with Averell.

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Friday, October 26, 1951.

I went over to see Hervé Alphand at the Quai d'Orsay this morning. He is [redacted] gloomy about financial prospects in France, - the black market for the dollar is around 440 against an official rate of 350, inflation is rampant, and it seems [redacted] unlikely [redacted] the French can carry out their program in Indochina, and at the same time, supply the quota expected of them for NATO forces. I then joined Oliver Harvey in a visit to M. Schuman. We had been instructed to ask him whether the French Government had in mind attempting to resolve the question of the Saar before there is a definitive peace treaty with Germany.

After Oliver Harvey left, I talked to M. Schuman about his remarks yesterday to newspaper correspondents regarding a European political community. Beyond submitting the question as an idea to the Council of Europe at the end of this month, he has no definite plan. He told me that, although he had attempted to have the Cabinet approve the trip of our Military Survey Mission

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to Tunisia, he had been unsuccessful. This was because the United States had not yet given the French Government the assurances desired by the latter as to our solidarity with present French policy in North Africa, and especially in Morocco. It is [redacted] difficult to define in writing how far we will go in this direction. Woodie and I, and the rest of us, have discussed it at [redacted] length amongst ourselves, and also with the various people involved in Washington. Thus far, no draff has been approved which would be acceptable to the French. Meanwhile, there is a great deal of newspaper speculation as to what the United States attitude will be when the question of Morocco is brought before the United Nations at the instigation of Egypt.

I had a sandwich in the office, [redacted] then talked to Joe Gray about the regrettable situation which has arisen between the Pro-Cathedral and the Student Center. I think [redacted] Dean Beekman has behaved [redacted] badly about this, but

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it is better to let the matter remain as it is in the hope that at the next meeting to elect trustees a satisfactory arrangement can be reached.

Jonkheer. van Vredenberg, Chairman of the Dutch European Army Delegation, came to see me this afternoon. He is especially concerned about two points at the Conference. First, he favors a college of Defense Ministers rather than a single commissioner. I regard the single commissioner from an organization standpoint as being the more desirable. Second, he would like any contribution to the common budget to be determined for a period of three years rather than annually. I think some compromise can be reached on this point which might be satisfactory to all concerned.

I saw Colonel Schenkin for a few minutes and followed up my conversation with the Canon by asking him if he would be kind enough to inquire into the arrangements which the army might have in view about establishing

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hostelries or places of entertainment for American military personnel on leave in Paris.

Alec McLanahan came to see me. He is on his way to Geneva on banking business, and hopes to stop at his chateau in Burgundy on his return.

Mr. Lombardo, the new head of the Italian Delegation at the European Army Conference, had a long talk with me [redacted] along the same lines as that [redacted] I had [redacted] with the Netherlands chairman. [redacted] Lombardo is particularly enthused over the prospect of a serious discussion of a European political confederation.

Tom and Gay Finletter came [redacted] to say goodbye. They are leaving to-morrow for home and taking Averell with them.

I had a conversation with Jimmy Riddleberger about various economic matters.

Mr. Ferguson of the Department came [redacted] to talk to Phil Bonsal and myself about the arms limitation paper [redacted] I delivered to M. Schuman this morning. When I gave

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it to M. Schuman he said [redacted] his people would have to study it carefully, and he thought it premature for him to express any opinion about it. Our government expects to have Dean present this proposition in his opening address to the United Nations General Assembly even if the British and French governments do not join us. Meanwhile we are attemping to secure their approval, and, if possible, participation in suggesting a really radical and thorough-going scheme to control military forces, including atomic energy.

I went to see Oliver Harvey to-night to tell him about this affair, which has been taken up with the Foreign Office in London by the British Embassy in Washington.

The results of the British elections yesterday are at last almost complete. It appears as if the Conservatives will have a majority of about 18 over the Labor Party, which might [redacted] create a fairly unstable situation.

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MEMORANDUM:

Sir Oliver Harvey and I saw Monsieur Schuman this morning to discuss the Saar question. Sir Oliver pointed out the continuing interest which the U.S. and U.K. Governments had in this problem. We do not intend to back away from our commitments to support the present status in the Saar -- its ultimate position to be settled by a definitive peace treaty. However, both our Governments think that if some solution could be found to this problem before the peace treaty, it would be most advisable. We have been requested to ascertain Monsieur Schuman's views, especially in the light of a statement made by him that the future of the Saar will be determined by a peace treaty or by some other treaty. Would he care to expand that statement?

In answer Monsieur Schuman said that the situation regarding the Saar was now quiet and that Chancellor Adenauer had preserved a calm concerning it for a considerable period. He pointed out that there would be new elections in the Saar in 1953, and if possible a solution should be had before that date. He said that, in any event, the French had no desire to annex the Saar politically. However, this territory

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Note:

(a) These papers released to Virginia Historical Society in Sept 1973 by P/HO.

(b) Reporting cable on this meeting appears in Part 2, Vol III FRUS for 1951 (p. 1883)

(c) Sear question long since settled.

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forms part of the Lorraine basin, both agriculturally and industrially. It is natural that the Saar should be connected with France economically. This arrangement is working extremely well; it would be proper for it to continue and, moreover, it is the policy of the French Government that it shall so continue. He realizes that this economic attachment would make it very difficult for the Saar to be politically dependent upon Germany. Perhaps the solution might be to have the Saar enjoy special status under a European community with this community controlling its Foreign Affairs. The suggestion has also been made that it might be constituted as an autonomous state like Luxembourg. Germany, however, Monsieur Schuman commented, would not like the latter proposition.

Monsieur Schuman was careful to point out that he was merely expressing personal opinions and was not speaking for his Government. His Government is, however, in accord with him that the status of the Saar must be settled by a special treaty or by a treaty of peace with Germany. If the former method were to be availed of, the moment for proposing it would have to be carefully selected and at the present time he has no definite views on the subject of timing.

He has had no indication from Germany as to whether the Germans might be favorable to the placing of a Saar state under European community control, but he has a feeling that this

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idea might interest Adenauer. He knows also that Adenauer has thought that the Schuman Plan would be helpful in resolving the problem of the Saar, and that perhaps when a European political federation comes into being that also might be a way to take care of this problem.

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Saturday, October 27, 1951.

E. and I went down this morning to have lunch with the Comte de Rohan Chabot and his daughter, about seventy miles from Paris, near Nogent-sur-Seine. His Chateau de la Motte Tilly is a Louis XV. structure and very [redacted] beautiful. He is a man of about eighty now, but strong and vigorous. Like many of the other great houses in France, he expects [redacted] this will be abandoned after his death, but he seemed resolved to hold on to it during his remaining years. He had just completed the rehabilitation of the house and gardens in 1912, and since that time it has been maintained in an adequate state of repair. He is a charming old gentleman with the best manners imaginable, [redacted] witty and the author of several fairly successful plays.

Upon our return to Paris I went to the office to go over some telegrams from Washington.

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Sunday, October 28,1951.

I left home this morning at 8.15 for Rambouillet, to attend the President's first shoot of the season. All the members of the Diplomatic Corps had been invited, but only the Afghan, Indian and Nepalese ambassador, the Lebanese Minister, Carl Burkhardt, Duff Cooper and myself had accepted. Several French political figures were also there, so we were ten guns in all. We had four pheasant drives and afterwards stirred up about thirty ducks on a pond near the chateau, one of which I killed by a lucky high shot. The pheasants were [redacted] numerous, but, the trees being still in full foliage and they not having been driven before, were sluggish, did not rise well and made fairly easy targets. The shoot was as always admirably managed. We killed 415 pheasants, of which my share was 99.

I drove over to the Hotel du Grand Veneur, after a delicious lunch with President and Madame Auriol, met E. there, and we motored down to the Duc de Doudeauville's place, the Château de Bonnetable, about 190 kilometers

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from Paris. Robert Gerard had invited us to shoot there. He is sharing the shoot with the Duke's eldest son, Sostène de la Rochefoucauld, for the season. It was a [redacted] pleasant house party. The two sons, Sostène and Armand, Robert, Toto du Perron, the Mouchys, the Jean Louis Ganays, and Princess Sixte de Bourbon Parme, who acted as her father's hostess. The Duke is eighty-two, and has given up shooting this year as his eyesight is bad. He is one of the most attractive old men possible and takes an intense interest in the Jockey Club, of which he has been President for the last 33 years. The château is huge, built in the 15th century, and in the family ever since. It is [redacted] comfortable, but like the Rohan Chabot place will probably be abandoned by the family after the death of the present Owner. In spite of two German occupations, during which a good deal of furniture was destroyed, most of the family portraits from the time of Louis XIV. are still on the walls, and are very interesting.

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Monday, October 29, 1951.

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Colette Gérard arrived this morning with Lowell Weicker, and we spent the day in a series of short drives. There is an abundance of game, but it is late in the season for partridges. All the pheasants are wild birds and fly [redacted] strongly. We killed about 35 pheasants, 12 partridges, as well as some hares and rabbits. The two [redacted] attractive young men, de Ganay and Mouchy, had gone out before breakfast and bagged ten ducks. The life here is [redacted] pleasant. We took tea, toast and jam at 8.30 in the morning, then had a large lunch with wine at ten o'clock, were in the fields all day, had high tea at six, and a large dinner at 8.30. The first night we had a Chateau Margaux 1900 and the second night a Chateau Lafitte 1895, which was magnificent.

It was raining on Tuesday morning, but we went out anyhow. [redacted] E., Lowell Weicker and myself had to leave at four o'clock to return to Paris. Up to that time, the shooting had been [redacted] much as it [redacted] the day before.

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The roads were slippery, and we did not reach Paris until eight o'clock.

Frank Wisner had arrived a couple of days ago to stay with us, so I had a talk with him before he went out to dinner. Sylvia and Jean Monnet came to dinner with us. Jean and I talked for several hours about the NATO situation, and particularly regarding French affairs. I have seldom seen him so gloomy, but he is still hopeful [redacted] things can be worked out in a fairly satisfactory manner.

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Wednesday, October 31,1951.

Frank Wisner came in this morning with a group of his people. Afterwards I saw Messrs. Cole and Hess, Republican members of the House of Repre ntatives, from New York and Ohio respectively. They are members of the Armed Services Committee, and have been visiting various European countries. They were particularly interested in the taxes collected by the French Government on materials used for military installations. This is a complicated question. Our congressmen are naturally anxious to have all materials entering into military projects here free from local taxes. Since, however, these imposts are levied all along the line, the matter would have to be handled category by category. It has been under study for some-time both by us and the French Government.

We had a lunch to-day for M. and Mme Roland de Margerie, M. & Mme Robert Massip and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fisher.

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Colonel Witty, Air Force inspector, and Major Bedford of the Air Forces Division, both of the Pentagon, came to see me this afternoon about our air personnel in the Embassy. I told them we were [redacted] Constant with their representatives.

Bert Jolis called on me. His diamond company is South African (British) being [redacted] useful to the U.S. Government. The diamond syndicate, which enjoys a monopoly except for the operations of his company, are putting the squeeze on him.

Catherine Dunham came in. She is rather smarting under the attacks of critics who say [redacted] she ought to stick to the numbers [redacted] she showed in previous years, and that some of her present ballets are pretentious and "artistic". Her company continues to play to a full house, and she feels - I think correctly - [redacted] she must add a few pieces to her repertoire or otherwise her work would become stagnant. L'Humanité has alleged that the American Government has issued orders [redacted] she shall not put on an act depicting a lynching. I told her [redacted] I would be [redacted]

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glad to deny this charge.

Felix Guépin of the Dutch Shell, whom I had known well in OSS, visited me. He is very attractive, - Dutch by birth, and I think American by naturalization. We had a talk about the oil situation in the Middle East.

Ed Murrow and David Schoenbrun of CBS called. I had not seen Ed for a long time, and was delighted to meet him again.

Bill Humphreys talked to me about the French political situation.

When I went home, I found Mrs. Robert Garrett, Johnston and Margy there. Mr. Garrett, now seventy-six, had gone off to Lisbon to see Mr. Gulbenkian. I was so glad to see Mrs. Garrett after a lapse of many years.

Perle Mesta, E., Frank Wisner and myself had dinner together, and afterwards Frank and I talked until midnight. He is leaving us to-morrow morning.

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Thursday, November 1, 1951.

This is All Saints Day. I went to the office. Then, E. and I met the boat train of the "America" at the Gare Saint Lazare. We took Dean, Alice and Luke Battle home with us, and afterwards went to lunch with Arthur Sachs and his wife at 33 rue de l'Université. Marian Hall, Hope Carter and others were there, including Rodney Williams, a schoolmate of mine whom I had not seen for thirty years. He had just come over after shooting grouse in Scotland.

This afternoon, I had a long talk with Dean at the American Delegation to the United Nations' headquarters at the Hotel Astoria. We discussed a [redacted] number of State Department problems.

To-night, we had a dinner for: M. & Mme Paul Reynaud, M. & Mme Fourcade, M. & Mme Pierre Lazareff, General and Mrs. Norstad, Mr. Paul Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Wallner, Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Nes, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Bolton and Secretary and Mrs. Acheson.

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I found both Pierre Lazareff and President Fourcade convinced that French foreign policy would be approved when it comes up for debate later this month before the National Assembly.

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Friday, November 2, 1951.

This morning I saw Mr. Evans, member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Bank. I had not seen him previously since 1941 when he was in England as head - I think - of Triple A.

I accompanied Dean Acheson to M. Schuman's office this morning, where he paid a courtesy call. They did not deal with any substantive questions at this meeting, except that M. Schuman said he was personally in favor of having the three countries take the disarmament stand which has been under discussion, and propose it at the time of the opening of the General Assembly. He will refer this matter to the French cabinet on Monday and give us an answer.

I had for lunch to-day sixteen French industrialists, who will form part of the large group of Europeans embarking this month for the United States at the invitation of ECA to see our factories, production methods, etc. In the course of lunch, I had a chance to talk both to Georges Villiers and to Ricard about the great

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importance we attach to anything that could be done to diminish the power of the CGT and to build up the influence of the non-Communist unions. They seemed thoroughly in accord with this view, and told me of various things they felt they had already accomplished in this field, and of others they were currently undertaking. Those there were:

Jules Aubron,
Président de la Chambre Syndicale de la Sidérugie Française,

Robert Berniere,
Rapporteur de la Commission des Relations Internationales au Conseil National du Patronat Français,

Rodolphe Darblay,
Président de la Société des Papeteries Darblay,

H. Davezac,
Vice President délégué du Syndicat Général de la Construction Electrique,

Jean Delorme,
Président de la Société de l'Air Liquide,

Pierre Le Bourhis,
Président directeur général de la Société Alsthom,

Monsieur Lehideux,
Président de la Société Ford,

Robert Lemaignen,
Président de la Société Commerciale d'Affrête,emt et de Commission,

Albert Metral,
Président directeur général des Ateliers G.S.P.,

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René Perrin,
Directeur Général adjoint de la
Société d'Electro-Chimie d'Ugine,

Pierre Pottier,
Président de la Société Cotelle
et Foucher,

Guy Raglet,
Président du Centre des Jeunes Patrons,

Pierre Ricard,
1er Vice Président du Conseil
National du Patronat Français,

Philippe Roy,
Président de l'Union des Industries
Textiles,

Robert Trocme,
Président du Syndicat Général de
l'Industrie Cotonnière,

Georges Villiers,
Président du Conseil National du
Patronat Français.

Irving Brown came to see me this afternoon. He is concerned over a charge, presumably made by Victor Reuther, that he (Brown) has told one or more of the non-Communist Labor unions in France [redacted] he would cut off funds to them if they dealt with Reuther. Irving says [redacted] this is completely false, and [redacted] apart from other considerations, he would not be guilty of such stupidity. I believe him. I talked to him about Bourghiba. He says that not only did Bourghiba not appear at the A.F. of L. Convention,

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but his paper prepared for that Convention, and widely publicized here, was not read to the delegates.

Chuck Spofford came in. He is over from London for a few days to see the Secretary.

M. Schuman had told us this morning he hoped the Rome Conference would be postponed until the end of December, instead of being held on November 24th. Chuck is wrestling with this problem.

The new Burmese Minister visited me. He speaks perfect English, having learned it at Rangoon. He spoke of the difficulties experienced by the Foreign Office of a new country like his own in not having enough skilled personnel to fill its necessary posts. He himself in the last few years was stationed for nine months in Washington, thirteen months in Indonesia, nine months in India, nine months in London, and he has now been assigned to Paris.

Bill Boswell, who was once here and is now in the Department, came in.

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I saw Harold Callender, and talked to him about the French financial situation, and how possibly France's adverse dollar balance of payments might be managed. He was followed by Joe Kingsbury Smith, who brought up a variety of subjects connected with NATO.

Jack Heinz, here for the International Chamber of Commerce meeting, called on me.

Douglas MacArthur is leaving to-night with General Eisenhower for Washington, and I had a long talk with him, especially about the Moroccan situation. We both agreed it would be highly desirable if our chief diplomatic representative in Morocco were at Rabat instead of at Tangier, but see no prospect of being able to accomplish such a change at this time, since it would involve a major shift in State Department tradition.

Harry Labouisse told me of the latest developments in the French financial situation. He had telephoned to Dick Bissellto-day, and had obtained permission to resume talks with the French on Monday, as well as a promise

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from Dick of a measure of immediate American assistance.

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Saturday, November 3, 1951.

I had a talk with Sam Berger this morning. He has just arrived here from Rome. He filled me in on the situation there in regard to the free labor unions, and what steps may be taken by the de Gasperi government to strengthen their position. We discussed the Communist situation in France along similar lines.

I went over to see Messrs. Parodi and Charpentier. Parodi showed me a long cable, sent by René Mayer to Bonnet, instructing Bonnet to inform the appropriate officials of the United States Government that he would have to reduce his import program to not more than half a billion dollars, since he had been unable to ascertain what provision the United States Government intended to make toward assisting him in meeting the French dollar balance of payments deficit.

We had a lunch to-day at the house for the following; Secretary and Mrs. Acheson, the Belgian Ambassador and Baronne Guillaume, the Canadian Ambassador and Mme Vanier, the Canadian Foreign Minister and Mrs. Pierson, M. & Mme

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Wilfrid Baumgartner, M. & Mme Jean Forgeot, M. Edouard Bonnefous, M. Fritz Molden, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bonsal and Mr. Lucius B[illegible]tle.

After lunch, I had a long talk with Wilfrid Baumgartner about French finances. They are in [illegible] bad shape, but I think the situation could still be remediable if Washington would take [illegible] immediate action.

I went over to the Foreign Office this afternoon, at M. Schuman's request, to meet General Guillaume and himself. While waiting to see M. Schuman, the General and myself had a [illegible] conversation, or more accurately speaking, Guillaume delivered a monologue which I tried in vain to interrupt. He started by commenting on Allal El Fassi whom he termed a magnetic and dangerous rascal, devoured by hatred of [illegible] first the Jews and second the French. Exiled in 1937 from Morocco by the Sultan for inciting riots, he was deported by the French Government to Gabon. Amnestied in 1946, he has since travelled widely, and shuttled frequently between Cairo and Tangier. He is friendly

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with the [redacted] "Frères Musulmans" who would like to assassinate Guillaume and other prominent Frenchmen.

Guillaume persuaded all the members of the diplomatic corps at Tangier, with the exception of the U. S. Diplomatic Agent, Mr. Vincent, to vote to prohibit El Fassi from visiting Tangiers. Vincent disassociated himself from this decision, which apparently included the expulsion from Tangier of all "Extremists and Communists". Subsequently, the Sultan, when called upon to forbid El Fassi from setting foot in French Morocco, refused to do so. Guillaume attributes the Sultan's refusal to the [redacted] U.S. not being hostile to El Fassi, whom (he says) the Sultan greatly fears.

Apart from the El Fassi incident, Guillaume entertains a low opinion of American officials in Tangiers. He embraces Tangier itself in his dislike, calling it "a nest of vipers".

He had about finished his discourse on El Fassi and Tangier when we were admitted to M. Schuman's office. There, he at once plunged into a commentary on the recent

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elections in Morocco, and the events at Casablanca where a few people were killed and others wounded. He ascribed some of the guilt for this bloodshed to our Consul General, Madonne, on the ground that by receiving and comforting well-known extremists he had fostered anti-French sentiment.

The above took quite a long time. M. Schuman attempted to divert the General's thoughts into more placid channels, but without effect. Guillaume deplored the fact that total authority over Morocco had not been conferred on General Eisenhower, in whom he had great confidence. Since this was not the case, he thought the situation would be vastly improved if either Douglas MacArthur or Ridgway Knight were placed in charge of American establishments in Morocco. With either of them he would work in utmost harmony, making the chosen one free of his house, his office, his ciphers, and his inmost reflections. However, General Eisenhower had told him that both of these men, whom General Guillaume felt were his sympathetic brothers, were unavailable for this purpose. Therefore, we must find

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someone else who, operating from Rabat, would control all American officials in Morocco, and report directly to the American Embassy in Paris, instead of to the State Department in which he has no more confidence than he has in the Quai d'Orsay.

By this time Schuman at once amused, irritated and embarrassed, suggested that perhaps I might say a word. I called attention to the reasons why we could not consider depriving our Diplomatic Agent at Tangiers of his supervisory authority, and that I did not anticipate any delegation of jurisdiction over our Moroccan posts to the Paris Embassy.

I also explained at considerable length that our representatives must have normal contacts with the native population. Guillaume said [redacted] he only objected to their contacts with "Extremists", etc. I might as well have whistled in the wind, for the General was off on a declaration of how much he loved, understood, and was in turn loved and understood by Americans. He apologized for speaking as a blunt soldier whose life had been passed in rough

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surroundings where frankness was the rule, a quality which, he observed, Americans had always complimented him upon.

This ended our session as M. Schuman had a caller waiting for him, and M. Schuman said [redacted] if he reached an overall agreement with Mr. Acheson in the next few days on the French North African problem [redacted] no doubt local affairs from General Guillaume's standpoint would prove less vexatious.

In the course of the conversation, I had commented [redacted] sharply to Guillaume on his recent remarks at the Press Club. I told him [redacted] his reputation of being [redacted] pro-American and understanding the American psychology had made everyone hopeful that a close relationship between his services and our own, [redacted] would be maintained. We had been greatly surprised and disappointed at the quotations from his speech, and also by his remarks to Mr. Dorman. Guillaume answered that his speech had been misquoted

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and misinterpreted; [redacted] he was extremely pro-American and would remain so; [redacted] he did think [redacted] some of our officials in North Africa paid far too much attention to the Extremists; [redacted] he entertained the most friendly feelings for Dorman, but [redacted] his Secret Service reports would sustain his allegations that at least one of our other representatives was over-friendly with men bent on violence and assassination. It was [redacted] evident [redacted] he is conscious of having made a mistake, and a serious one, in having been so free in what he has recently said on this subject. I think the dressing down which [redacted] was [redacted] given to him yesterday by General Eisenhower in this same connection will be salutary. Guillaume is, as he likes to say, frank and blunt; however, he has certainly not been frank and blunt at the right time and right place as far as [redacted] these matters are concerned.

At six thirty today, Harry Labouisse, Link Gordon and myself went to see M. Pleven at the Hotel Matignon. He had with him Messrs. René Mayer and Schuman and said

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[redacted] he wanted to stress to us the great importance [redacted] they all attached to the conversation that was to follow. René Mayer outlined in the same clear and factual manner, as he has so frequently done in the last few months, the deterioration and the dangers flowing from [redacted] the French financial position. Harry Labouisse was able to tell him that at last conversations would start on this subject between [redacted] Ministry of Finance representatives and those of ECA on Monday. He was not able to go beyond the statement that we could then give the French a firm commitment on the minimum amount of dollars in the category of economic aid [redacted] they could count upon during the present US fiscal year. Also, [redacted] we expected to be able to indicate the approximate amount of offshore purchasing to be done in France. Later in the week, we hoped to give them more accurate estimates as to dollar expenditures for US military purchases in France than had heretofore been provided them. The reason [redacted] Harry could not be more specific was because he was still awaiting telegraphic instructions from Washington,

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which he expected to receive to-night. Gordon expressed the hope that on the strength of these conversations the French would find themselves willing to take [redacted] considerable risks in maintaining a large import program. Mayer replied [redacted] they had already taken serious risks, and [redacted] they would have to reach some definite conclusion on this subject not later than [redacted] the end of next week. Their reserve position is extremely low and there simply is [redacted] little margin left with which they can gamble while awaiting a firm commitment from us.

To-night, Adrian and Laura Fisher, Luke Battle, Dean and Alice, E. and myself had dinner. Dean and I remained behind while the others went off to the de Cuevas ballets, and discussed [redacted] international problems.

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Sunday, November 4, 1951.

Norman brought me up some cables this morning.

The Achesons, E. and myself went to Versailles where Dean and I walked in the park in the rain. The Jessups, the Duff Coopers and Sasha joined us for lunch. Dean recounted his experiences in Washington with Dr. Mossadegh to the vast entertainment of all. He is a [redacted] gifted and amusing story teller. Later on, the Achesons, Lois Jessup and ourselves went down to Marthe de Fels' Chateau Voisin near Rambouillet. She has just opened it for the first time in years. It was built by her father-in-law about 1900. He [redacted] made a large fortune in sugar, and other enterprises, and recently died in Paris, aged over ninety. His Paris house on the rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré has been sold to the Canadian Government, and his heirs do not know whether they will continue to keep up this place in the country, but at least they gave a [redacted] noteworthy house-warming in it this afternoon. It is surrounded by a beautiful park, and well disposed small lakes. It was

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built according to plans drawn up by the great 18th century architect, Gabriel, for a chateau [redacted] he had designed for a contemporary/client. [redacted] The proportions of the rooms are perfect.

We returned to Paris, and Dean and myself went to dine at the British Embassy with Oliver Harvey, Anthony Eden and one of Eden's assistants from the Foreign Office.

A great number of subjects were discussed, including the Iranian oil situation, Egypt, Morocco and disarmament. Eden was, as usual, [redacted] friendly and cooperative, but it was quite evident that/having [redacted] so lately assumed his duties at the Foreign Office [redacted] he had only a sketchy knowledge of these complicated questions. We left there at midnight, and when we returned to the house where Barbara Evans, Harold Linder and Luke Battle were waiting, Dean dictated a long memorandum of this conversation.

The great difficulty [redacted] we will have with the British will almost undoubtedly be in regard to Iran.

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Eden said [redacted] no British Government could face the House of Commons with a proposition such as [redacted] Mossadegh's [redacted] that a British oil company would not be permitted to operate there, and [redacted] the refinery would have to be turned over to a company of a nationality other than British. He also said [redacted] it was the view of his government that the United States was over pessimistic in believing [redacted] if Mossadegh lost power it would fall into the hands of the Tudeh party. His information led him to adopt the position that this belief on our part was unjustified. He said [redacted] he would send word immediately to Lord Leathers to come over to Paris to discuss this question further with us.

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Monday, November 5, 1951.

Senator and Mrs. Hickenlooper came to see me this morning, and I invited them for lunch to-morrow.

I talked to Dick Eldridge about the labor situation in France.

Jack McCloy arrived from Bonn, and we spent an hour or more discussing the German situation. He is moderately optimistic over the contractual agreement being approved before the end of the year.

Bill Koren was over from London, and I talked to him about the Council of Europe, upon which we must brief a Congressional committee at the end of this week.

Bill Tyler and I went to lunch at the restaurant Calvé on the Boulevard Saint Germain, and had a lengthy discussion about ways and means to combat Communism in France.

DeWitt Poole came to see me this afternoon, and gave me the latest news on the Committee for Free Europe's university enterprise at Strasbourg. They have about

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one hundred refugees enrolled there. The largest single nationality represented is Czech, the next Polish, and the others Lithuanians, Latvians, Bulgarians, Rumanians and Hungarians.

I then went to a long meeting with McCloy, Reinstein, Byroade, Perkins, Achilles, Bowie and others. We especially reviewed the matter of a German financial contribution to Nato military purposes.

To-night, Dean Acheson, George Perkins (who arrived to-day) and Byroade and Jack McCloy came to dinner with us. After dinner, Jack explained to the men the outstanding items of difference which await settlement in connection with the contractual agreement. It is a [redacted] intricate negotiation which he has handled admirably.

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Tuesday, November 6, 1951.

I went over to the Tripartite meeting between the British, French and American General Assembly delegations in M. Schuman's office this morning. Acheson, Eden and Schuman discussed tactics to be used to forestall any attempt on the part of the Soviets [redacted] to raise the question of Chinese Communists being seated instead of Chinese Nationalists. Our position in regard to Morocco was made clear. We will abstain from voting on the Arab proposal [redacted] place this matter on the agenda, but will support the French in their general position and vote against any commission of investigation, etc. The Middle East situation was canvassed at length, and it was also tentatively decided [redacted] the NATO Council Meeting would take place on November 24.

We had a lunch at home to-day for the following: Mrs. Acheson, Senator and Mrs. William Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Biffle, Mr. Henry Byroade, Mr. Lauder

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Greenway, Senator and Mrs. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Mr. Ridgway Knight, Mrs. George W. Perkins, Senator Alexander Wiley, Ambassador Walter S. Gifford, Ambassador Henri Bonnet, Mr. Robert Pell, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blanchard. Most of them went off afterwards to the opening of the General Assembly, which I did not attend. Instead, I went to the European Army Conference, where they struggled with various problems presented by the Juridical Committee.

To-night, the Achesons and ourselves had dinner together. Afterwards Dean withdrew to write a speech, and I to study [redacted] papers connected with briefing various congressional delegations later in the week. It appears that between now and December 10th there will be at least 110 members of the U.S. Congress visiting Paris.

Eden and Dean are [redacted] concerned over a portion of President Auriol's speech at the Assembly meeting to-day. They had wind of it last night, and took it up with Schuman this morning. The point concerned was that Auriol

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in effect intended to suggest that it would be helpful to the cause of peace if the Chiefs of State of the four Great Powers met in Paris during the United Nations session, and reconciled their differences. Schuman called the Elysée, but the speech had already been printed, and in fact we later heard it had leaked to the newspaper correspondents the previous evening. There was a great to-do about it and Eden and Acheson expressed, in vehement terms, their indignation at this action being taken without previous consultation with the British and American authorities. The correspondents asked Acheson questions about it before the speech was even delivered, and this afternoon there were large headlines in the newspapers on the subject. This is the sort of occasion which accentuates charges of French irresponsibility, and is unfortunate. Dean thinks President Truman will be angry about it. The pertinent text in President Auriol's address, as delivered, is vague in language, but the underlying meaning unmistakably clear.

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Wednesday, November 7,1951.

George Perkins and I had a talk this morning about East-West trade and other matters.

Preston Grover came in.

I settled with General O'Hare about attending the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe on Armistice Day; November 11th, which complicates my appearance at Dean Riddle's services at the same time. Michel Roumens, with a letter from Mr. Biffle, came to offer his services to combat Communism. He is a young French student who has recently passed four months in the United States.

I went over with Stan Cleveland the complicated problem of how to handle European Army matters during the provisional period. This and the question discussed with me yesterday by Paul Douglas, namely the financial contributions to be made by France and Germany to the common budget, are the chief remaining obstacles in the Conference. The latter one is extraordinarily difficult.

I had a sandwich in the office, [redacted] then saw Frank

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Drake, Chairman of the Gulf Oil Company. He says [redacted] production in Kuait is now about 750,000 barrels a day; there are only 150,000 inhabitants, and next year they should have the largest wealth per capita of any people in the world. The present Sheik has scrapped the yacht which the old Sheik, who died two years ago, had bought. He spends most of his revenues on building schools, hospitals and extending social services. According to Drake, he is a [redacted] progressive and sensible man. The Anglo-Iranian and Gulf own this concession together in equal shares. They are now in process of negotiating a new fifty-fifty agreement with the Sheik, but have not terminated it. The troubles in Iran and in Irak have impeded their progress, but they think they will reach a satisfactory conclusion.

Ernest Weir, Chairman of the National Steel Corporation, came to see me. He appears now to be more interested in promoting General Eisenhower for the presidency than in his business.

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Buddy North came to pay a call on me. He and his brother John have about pulled the Ringling Circus out of its morass of debts. Buddy is now living in Rome. He is an engaging fellow.

E. and I went to the annual reception at the Soviet Embassy to celebrate the Russian national thirty-fourth anniversary of the October revolution. There was a tremendous crowd there - British, Belgian, Swedish and the rest of the ambassadors and their wives, Mrs. Roosevelt, etc. There were literally hundreds of people who must have been French communists. Security guards were stationed everywhere from the front entrance onwards. The building itself is a magnificent old private house on the rue de Grenelle.

E., Dick Bissell and myself went to dinner at the Mère Michel. I had a [redacted]t talk with him about the French financial situation. He confirmed what I have always supposed, that there was little hope of the Defense Department making any firm commitment in the near future for offshore purchases in France. This is the key to

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the whole problem, and the Defense Department appears to be dealing with it without decisiveness, method or imagination.

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Thursday, November 8,1951.

This morning I went at 9.15 to the meeting of the United States Delegation to the United Nations at the Astoria. The question of tactics relating to the Moroccan question and Chinese representation was raised. There was a good deal of legalistic argument going around the room which was crowded almost to suffocation by experts of every kind.

When I arrived at the office, I found Anne O'Hare McCormick and her husband, and spent an interesting hour with them. She has recently been in England and was discouraged by the financial crisis there, as well as that in France. I could offer her little comfort on the latter. To cover a dollar deficit of about a billion dollars, the ECA Mission here has been authorized to offer a firm commitment up to June 30,1952, of 170 million dollars minus some offsets. The projected expenditures by the Defense Department are still not firm, and so I see no choice for the French except to cut their import

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program in half. The effect of this will be [redacted] unfortunate in curtailing and slowing up French production. The Defense Department is carrying out a penny wise pound foolish policy. I ran over last night our cables on this subject, going back for eight months. At home, our Embassy [redacted] is considered [redacted] to have been engaged in making Cassandra-like utterances, but everything we predicted is now threatening to come to pass.

Junky Fleischman came [redacted] to see me about writing to the Ford Foundation for a grant to help bring the Boston Symphony Orchestra over here for the big Free Europe festival to be staged in Paris next spring. I told him that officially I could do nothing, but [redacted] would write privately to Bernard Gladieux, Secretary of the [redacted] Foundation, telling him I thought the idea a good one.

M. Lazurick, editor of "Aurore" was to come and see me. He is apparently [redacted] concerned over General Eisenhower's utterances a couple of weeks ago about satisfying the

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legitimate aspirations of the Moslem people.

Unfortunately, Lazurick was suddenly taken ill and did not arrive.

I went to lunch at the American Club, where Mrs. Roosevelt was guest speaker. There was a tremendous audience. She referred to Dean's speech this morning at the United Nations as having been a splendid one and a great success. She expressed her hope that all Americans would be determined in their support of the United Nations, which she regards as the most promising vehicle for the maintenance of world peace.

Guérin de Beaumont, Bob Blake and Ambrose Chambers came to see me regarding the Saint Lô hospital. The United States Army apparently does not intend to use it, and therefore there is no early hope of completing it. They asked me to take this matter up once again with General Eisenhower, and I will do so via Doug MacArthur to-night.

Mr. Leacacos of the Cleveland Plain Dealer came

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to see me: Then Harold Callender, followed by Cy Sulzberger. They were all interested in talking about the United Nations conference and the French situation.

Vishinsky made one of his ranting diatribes this afternoon in reply to Dean's speech ealier to-day.

Doug MacArthur called, and I explained to him about the Saint Lô hospital, and then we talked about General Guillaume and Morocco. I asked him once again to impress on General Eisenhower the [redacted] serious nature of the French financial deterioration which he will do to-morrow morning.

At eight o'clock to-night, I went to the Cercle Inter-allié for the Armistice dinner of the European Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars. I sat next to General Juin and had the pleasure of introducing him. He is [redacted] attractive, and has had a brilliant record. He was born in Algeria in 1888, graduated first in his class at Saint Cyr, fought with the Thabors in the first World War, was captured by the Germans in the second World War after a [redacted] stout resistance,

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then went to North Africa and joined the French forces there. He joined us in the North African fighting, [redacted] commanded the French Expeditionary Force in Italy and [redacted] distinguished himself. Since the war, he became Chairman of the French Chiefs of Staff, and from about 1947 Resident General in Morocco, as well as Inspector General of the French Forces since the first of the year. He is now Commander of the center ground forces of NATO. Between the two wars, Juin was for a time with Marshal Lyautey in Morocco, and upon the Marshal's return to France became his Chief of Staff. He made a good speech.

Dean had a dinner at the house last night, and when I returned everyone had left except Averell who was on his way out. He came back and we had a [redacted] talk about a great many things, especially about the aid program. We are going to a birthday party for him next week. He will be sixty. In spite of having worked incessantly since he was a boy, he looks about forty and has the

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general appearance of a matinée idol.

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FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 9, 1951

I attended the meeting this morning of the three Foreign Ministers at the Quai d'Orsay. It was agreed to go ahead with the NATO Conference scheduled for the 24th, but as yet it is undecided whether it will be held in Rome, since M. Schuman prefers it be in Paris because of the difficulty of his absenting himself during the debate on Foreign Affairs scheduled to take place in the French Parliament at that time. The Italian Government is to be consulted.

The attempt yesterday to postpone action on the Egyptian Resolution regarding Morocco went badly. It was agreed at this meeting that every effort would be made to support the French position and carry this proposal today in Committee. The Ministers talked about Italian membership in UN, and also went over the Far Eastern situation. It was agreed Dr. Adenauer should

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be invited to come down next week and have a discussion with them.

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Eden made a statement on behalf of the new Government, endorsing the position taken by his predecessor on September 15 in Washington on the subject of European unity. I had a sandwich in the office, [redacted] then went to the briefing of the Congressional Delegation which has been invited to go to Strasbourg, and there settle down to a discussion of "Union of Europe", with twenty parliamentarians chosen from the membership of the Committee of the Assembly of the Council of Europe. Senator Green presided over the Congressional Delegation, which consisted of Senators Green, Hendrickson, Humphrey, Benton, Hickenlooper, Wiley, and Congressmen Cox, Smith of Virginia and Reams of Ohio. I talked to them at considerable length about the various moves [redacted] connected with European unity and a great many questions were asked. Jimmy Riddleberger,

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Ted Achilles, and Bill Koren gave them thorough briefings and responded to their questions skillfully. I think it was a [redacted] satisfactory performance. From there, I went to a meeting in the Wallace Library, which Chuck Spofford had called, primarily to consider the relationship between the European Defense Community and NATO.

We invited about 400 people to a reception tonight. Amongst them were most of the American Delegation to UNO. The last guest departed in the rain about 8:45 pm; then Alice and Dean, Luke Battle, WE. and I had a buffet supper together.

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Saturday, November 10, 1951.

I sent a telegram to Audrey from E. and myself to congratulate her on her birthday [redacted] to-morrow. She will be eighteen.

Sam Berger came to see me. He is pleased with the progress being made in considering anti-Communist methods.

They called me from the house to say that Dean was quite ill this morning. A doctor from the American Hospital went to see him, and he has apparently developed a virus which is not dangerous. He has been ordered to bed for two days.

George Vanier called on me in connection with his laying a wreath at the Arc de Triomphe at the ceremonies to-morrow.

Bob Blum came in. He is going home to work for a time with MSA or Far Eastern affairs, and soon will return here to serve with OSR. He is [redacted] pessimistic about the Indochinese situation bei ; brought to a satisfactory conclusion within a reasonable period of time. He thinks [redacted] the only measure which would satisfy the natives would

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be the withdrawal of French troops. However, if they were withdrawn the Communists would take possession of the country, and physically liquidate those who had been against them.

Walter Kerr came to see me, and we discussed the UN, and various international political affairs. Enno Hobbing of Time followed [redacted] Kerr, and we had a similar discussion.

I went to lunch with Hervé Alphand at 85 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré. Chuck Spofford, Derek Hoyar-Millar, Sédoux, Lallois and Bill Hayter were there. We had an amusing conversation, led by Hervé who was in high spirits, and a delicious lunch.

I returned to the office for a briefing of the Sub-Committee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Franco-German matters. The chairman was Mr. Zablocki of Wisconsin. The other members were Mrs. Kelly of New York, and Messrs. Cunningham of Missouri, Merrow of New Hamphsire, Javits of New York, and [redacted] Hays, whose State I have forgotten. This took most of the afternoon.

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E. and I arrived at the Gruenthers' for dinner near Saint Cloud at 7.30. The Eisenhowers, the Harrimans, Frank Pace, Secretary of the Army, and many other people were there. We left about ten o'clock to attend the annual ball given by the Marine Corps detachment at 24 avenue Gabriel. I made a speech. E. cut a huge cake with a sword, and Mrs. Roosevelt [redacted] addressed the assembly of about five hundred people.

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Sunday, November 11, 1951.

I arrived at the Arc de Triomphe this morning at 10.30 with the Diplomatic Corps. The Cabinet and thousands of people were assembled to attend the laying of a wreath by President Auriol. It was a beautiful clear day - unusual at this time of the year - and a [redacted] impressive occasion.

From there I went to the American Pro-Cathedral, where Mrs. Roosevelt presented a United Nations flag and Dean Riddle gave an excellent sermon. M. Schuman and a good many other foreigners were present.

E. and I took Sasha and David for a picnic lun at Versailles.

Dean is still confined to bed, but his condition is not serious. After a short walk in the park, we returned to Paris, but were unable to reach the residence for a long time because of the Armistice Day parade. It was a [redacted] striking performance, with many mutilated veterans of the first World War in the procession. The United States were represented by a couple of platoons

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of the First Division [redacted] sent down from Germany. They looked very fine, especially because of their brightly polished helmets and their tall stature. The Saint Cyr officers were particularly resplendent. We arrived at the house just in time to meet Paul Hoffman who was accompanied by Tex Moore and his wife, and Mrs. Guwatt(?)

I went to-night to the Hotel Matignon to have dinner with the Prime Minister. The others were: Frank Pace, Jean Monnet, Georges Bidault, Henri Bonnet, Dr. Queuille and René Mayer. We had with dinner a remarkable Château Lagrange 1924, as well as other drinks. It was Monnet's birthday, as well as that of his daughter. To-morrow is the birthday of Bidault and Mayer, and Thursday that of Harriman.

After dinner, M. Schuman came in and we talked for hours about the critical French financial situation. I left with Harriman and Pace, and we had a further discussion of this subject on the way home.

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Monday, November 12, 1951.

This is a French holiday - Armistice Day again! - but we have been extremely busy at the office.

I spent most of the morning talking to various members of the staff about our meeting at the Prime Minister's last night. I also had a talk with Hank Byroade regarding the problem of reserve security powers in Germany. Adenauer was at one time agreeable to the proposition of limitations on certain activities, such as atomic energy development, large naval craft, etc., but his attitude has stiffened recently. The best solution would probably be to exercise any such controls through the European Defense Force Commissioner.

Dean, George Perkins and I had lunch together. Dean is [redacted] stirred up over the French financial situation, and has drafted a telegram to the President on the subject, pointing out the necessity of an immediate decision in Washington to extend aid at once, and in definite amount, to the French. He decided, however, not to send the

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telegram until he can have a conversation with Lovett and Harriman to-morrow. Meanwhile, he arranged to see Frank Pace and Frank Nash to-night.

This afternoon, Pace and I had an appointment to see M. Bidault. Due to a change in the latter's arrangements, we missed completely. Frank came here, and we went over some of the ground covered in last night's conversation.

At seven o'clock, Messrs. Pace, Nash, Perkins and myself met with the Secretary to see what might be done in committee funds to France before the debate on economic and political questions in the French Parliament. Mr. Nash, who is considered highly competent, was cooperative, and, as regards the Defense Department, will take this matter in hand himself.

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Tuesday, November 13, 1951.

I had a [redacted] talk with Harry Labouisse this morning about the French dollar payment situation which has occupied us so greatly.

I had a sandwich in the office, [redacted] then saw Jean Monnet about the same subject [redacted] I had discussed with Labouisse.

This afternoon I went to the meeting of the European Army, where they dealt with the powers of the Assembly and of the Council of Ministers.

After a [redacted] busy day, we had dinner and a meeting between Messrs. Acheson, Harriman and myself on the American side, and Mr. Eden, Sir Pierson Dickson and Mr. Shukburgh on the British side. The conversation was confined almost entirely to the Iranian [redacted] Oil question. Acheson and Harriman pointed out that they thought the British had managed the problem [redacted] badly, and [redacted] the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company would not be permitted to return to Persia. Acheson also said that if the situation

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deteriorated much further, he thought the American Government would be pressured domestically to make available some money to keep the army and gendarmerie in line, and thereby to strengthen the situation of the Shah. It was once again evident that the British believe the fall of Mossadegh would not bring the Communists into power and [redacted] we believe it would. Reports on this point from our sources are directly at variance with those received by the British. There were a great many other points taken up, and Eden is going to London to-morrow where he will deal further with the matter. He has some hope that the International Bank, which has been in touch with Mossadegh in Washington through Garner, might be helpful in finding a solution. This proposal was warmly endorsed by Acheson and Harriman. I had the general impression that Eden regards the problem as critical, but does not view it as being nearly as dangerous as we do.

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Wednesday, November 14, 1951.

I had a talk with Messrs. Labouisse and Tomlinson about the French rearmament program.

Senator Kilgore of West Virginia came to see me, and spent [redacted] an hour talking about various subjects.

Assistant Commissioner of Customs Strubinger with Mr. Kennedy called on me regarding the stationing of two other Treasury representatives in Paris.

Harold Callender came in.

I had a sandwich, and later talked to Harry Labouisse about the same questions raised this morning.

I then saw Senator McMahon of Connecticut.

We had the Lovetts, Achesons and Perkins for dinner to-night.

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Thursday, November 15,1951.

This morning I saw General Richards, Harry Labouisse and others on the subject of the operations of the country team for MDAP.

M. Roger Leonard, a Frenchman active in the rubber business in Malaya and Indochina, with a letter of introduction from Tom Robbins, came to see me.

The Achesons, E., Denise Mayer and myself went to lunch Chez Benoit. Afterwards we repaired to the Place des Vosges, and walked around the Marais until we had to return to work.

At 7.15 we had a meeting at the house, attended by Messrs. Acheson, Lovett, Harriman, General Bradley, Frank Nash, George Perkins and myself to see what could be done about the French situation. It was finally agreed that a possible 600 million dollars, plus [redacted] Export Import Bank loan of 50 million dollars could be firmly offered them for expenditure thro[illegible]e 30,1952, provided they in turn would obligate themselves to a satisfactory military program.

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The Achesons and ourselves went to dinner to-night at the Harrimans' to celebrate his birthday. The Eisenhowers, the Gruenthers and a lot of other people were there. They had a portion of the Monseigneur orchestra, and later a [redacted] good piano player. We got to bed late after a [redacted] enjoyable evening.

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Friday, November 16, 1951

I went this morning with Messrs. Acheson, Harriman, Labouisse and Frank Nash to the Hotel Matignon. We met with Messrs. Pleven, Mayer, Monnet, Bidault and Schuman. Dean told them how sorry he was to have missed the dinner last Sunday night where the French financial situation was discussed. He advised them that they could count firmly on American aid to a minimum of 600 million dollars before the end of our present fiscal year. There was a great deal of discussion which forms the basis of a telegram to be dispatched later in the day.

I lunched with Dean at the house, and spent much of the afternoon getting down in rough draft form the minutes of this morning's meeting and seeing various people from the Embassy.

We had a large dinner to-night primarily for the United Nations Delegation, with Oliver and Maud Harvey, the only foreign guests. Those present were:

The Secretary and Mrs. Acheson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Austin,

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Admiral and Mrs. Alan Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jessup, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Averell Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur II, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bonsal, General and Mrs. Omar Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. David Nes.

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Hervé Alphand came to see me this morning about the European Defense Force plan. I told him [redacted] I thought the situation was deteriorating as regards American confidence in what might be worked out. We went over the position at considerable length and I think the conversation may be helpful for the future. Following that, Tomlinson and Bowie came to see me on the same subject. They are to prepare a long paper over the weekend pointing out the areas of disagreement [redacted] presently exist amongst the members of the Steering Committee.

E. and I left at 12.50 from the Gare de Lyon for Dijon. We walked around Dijon for several hours looking at its beautiful old buildings, and finally [redacted] wound up at the Prefecture where we were greeted by the Prefect, M. Haas Picard and his English wife. The house is [redacted] beautiful, - an 18th century private residence [redacted] converted after the Revolution to government use. We had [redacted] champagne with him and [redacted] his assistants, and at

7.30 set out for Clos Vougeot where the Confrèrie des Tastevin was having a banquet, over which I presided. There were 518 guests, and interminable courses of food and wine, to say nothing of a multiplicity of speeches. I delivered something of a discourse in [redacted] French and was elevated from whatever my previous rank had been - [redacted] I think [redacted] Commander - to some [redacted] special position for which a particular silver cup had been struck off. It was a [redacted] jolly occasion, and [redacted] lasted from eight o'clock until two o'clock in the morning, after which we returned to Dijon.

I had not attended one of these festivals for three years. It is one of the most picturesque affairs of which one could conceive, with the high officers of the Confrèrie dressed in medieval costumes. There was [redacted] singing of folklore songs, and general merriment without any drunkenness, in spite of the co sumption of thousands of bottles of wine.

Sunday, November 18, 1951

We left at 10.30 for Beaune where we were met by my old friends Roger Duchet and Maurice Drouhin. We went through the Hospices where we paused for a few drinks of white wine and then into the cellars, where we tasted this year's vintage. Following that, we made a tour of the Hospices, - a charitable organization dating back to the 15th century. It is in beautiful condition, and [redacted] well maintained as a result of the sale of its wines and from legacies [redacted] from time to time been bequeathed to it.

We had a lunch of about fifty. It was delicious, and well rounded out with better Burgundy [redacted] than we had [redacted] the preceding evening. The usual speeches followed.

At 2.30 p.m. I opened the auction of this year's production, and found myself, [redacted] to my surprise, the inadvertent purchaser of a barrel. We had to leave before the auction [redacted] terminated, and took a plane at 4.30 p.m. from Dijon to Paris in a driving rain.

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Alice left to-night for Florence, and E., Dean, Luke and I had dinner together, after which we dispersed to attend to respective papers.

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MONDAY - NOVEMBER 19, 1951

I went off this morning, after a talk with Dean, accompanied by Red O'Hare to the ceremony to celebrate the opening of the SHAPE Staff School in the Ecole Militaire. The French Government had done this place over [redacted] attractively for the students. It was a good ceremony featured by a [redacted] felicitous speech by General Eisenhower. Admiral Lemonnier is the Commandant of the School — he likewise spoke [redacted] well.

When I came back, I went to the meeting of a group of visiting newspapermen who were being briefed in the Embassy. I had lost my place as witness, but made a few observations on the subject of Indochina.

Mr. Newmark came in with Pete Hamilton. We discussed ways of accelerating the building of airfields in France. Pete laid 90 percent of the difficulties to the inability of the U.S. Government to coordinate itself internally. Considerable blame also should be attached

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to the French Government for their slowness in the matter. I had lunch with George Perkins at [redacted] Mère Michel. We talked exclusively of [redacted] Department of State affairs. He is a [redacted] fine man and has been a tower of strength to the Department. Preston Grover came to see me this afternoon, and afterwards I saw Helen Kirkpatrick. I then talked to Harry Labouisse on how we might get aid more quickly to the French, a subject [redacted] I had [redacted] earlier conferred upon this afternoon with Frank Nash. Tommy and Bob Bowie game me reams of papers to take home regarding the European Army.

Tommy is in hot water again because Averell and Lincoln Gordon have become stirred up over an article written by Michael Hoffman, the Geneva correspondent of the New York Times, ascribing a considerable measure of blame for the French financial crisis to American Government inefficiency. Since Hoffman, a former fellow Treasury employee with Tomlinson, is staying at Tommy's house, suspicious eyes have rested on his host. Tommy indignantly denies [redacted] he had anything to do with the article and is greatly offended in his professional

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pride because of the many inaccuracies [redacted] in it. He said it was bad enough to be charged with such an action, but it was still worse to be accused of giving such erroneous figures!

The newspapers have been filled with this kind of thing for a long time referring to disorganization and confusion prevailing in Washington over the administration of foreign aid. There has been a lot of sniping at the Embassy, and at the ECA French Mission on the ground that our reports have been biased in favor of the French. We have now gotten up a resume of such cables and reports on the financial situation here covering the period from the middle of May until the present time. It is [redacted] interesting to go through it, and see how accurately step by step the development of the present disastrous financial position was predicted.

We had dinner tonight with Dean and Luke Battle.

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Tuesday, November 20, 1951.

I started at the chiropodist. Something has happened to the sole of one foot, a wart has developed and he tried to burn it off with acid. [redacted]

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George Willis of the Treasury came to see me this morning. Then I talked to Bernie Yarrow, and arranged with Pan American to give his sick daughter special privileges at the airport.

Livy Merchant visited me, and afterwards Merle Cochran who told me of his troubles over the question of the disposition of Dutch New Guinea. The Australians are supporting the Netherlands and opposing the Indonesians in this matter.

I went to a small lunch given by M. Schuman [redacted] at the Quai d'Orsay for Dean, George Perkins, Parodi, Maurice Schumann and Hervé Alphand were there.

In the afternoon, I presented on behalf of some of the Embassy personnel a huge silver tray to Adele Dix,

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who is retiring after 37 years service in the State Department. She is a [redacted] fine woman and has had a wonderful record.

Ed Korry of the United Press called. Then Raymond Gram Swing, and Pater James O'Donnell of the Saturday Evening Post. I talked at considerable length to each of them about French conditions. O'Donnell asked whether I would mind having Teddy White do a profile of me for the Saturday Evening Post, and I told him I'd much rather not, but would, if he wished, ask permission of the Department to have an article by White on the Paris Embassy.

McCloy and his group from Bonn arrived this afternoon. We had a [redacted] briefing session, presided over by Dean, in the Wallace Library which lasted until it was time to dress for President Auriol's United Nations dinner at the Elysée. Since Alice is in Florence, only the three of us went. There were about 250 people at dinner, and a large reception afterwards. The photographers

had a field day snapping Dean talking to Vichinsky and other Soviet - he had, he said, an interesting interchange with them in which he bore down hard on Malik.

Wednesday, November 21, 1951.

Briefing session this morning in the Wallace Library on German matters, and I had a chance to tell Averell of a conversation I had with Bidault at the Elysée last night about his dislike of our request for full information on the French military budget.

Dean had a lunch at the house to-day for Dr. Adenauer, who brought with him Messrs. Hallstein and Blankenhorn. On our side there were McCloy, Byroade, Perkins and myself, with Mr. Whitman as interpreter. Adenauer has an impressive, impassive face, with almost Mongolian cheekbones and eyes. He and Dean discussed the outstanding problems in the general contractual agreement, and prospects of reaching a complete accord seem excellent. McCloy has done a superb job on this.

This afternoon there was a Tripartite meeting at the Foreign Office (U.S., U.K., and France) to arrive at a common approach to the Germans to-morrow.

To-night E. went to dinner with the Amodeos, with the British Hertford Hospital benefit ball to follow. Dean and I had dinner together at the house.

Thursday, November 22, 1951

This is Thanksgiving Day. I was supposed to read the President's Thanksgiving Day proclamation at the American Church but Phil Bonsal did so instead as I went to a meeting with Messrs. Snyder, Harriman and Acheson, where John Snyder asked questions about the 600 million dollars of expenditures and credits [redacted] promised to France under certain conditions before June 30,1952. He raised especially the matter of U.S. exemption from French taxation of construction materials for military use.

Next, I attended a long tripartite meeting at the Foreign Office where Dean, Eden and Maurice Schumann (substitute for Robert Schuman who was defending the Foreign Office budget before a Parliamentary Committee) reached substantial agreement on the affairs to be brought up this afternoon with Adenauer.

Instead of Thanksgiving turkey, I had a bacon and tomato sandwich and a glass of tomato juice at the office, and even that in sixty seconds, since I had

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an appointment with Senator Russell. We talked of France, its tax system, military preparations, morale and so forth. At three o'clock the Quadripartite meeting occurred at the Quai d'Orsay. It went [redacted] smoothly, and I believe the High Commissioners will be able eventually to conclude a contractual arrangement restoring to Germany a [redacted] large measure of sovereignty. The European Defense Force affair also looks encouraging, and we must press forward to solve the difficult problem of a common budget and the contributions to it.

To-night, Ellen and Jack McCloy, Deana and myself dined at the house. E. had gone to Chantilly to have dinner with the Duff Coopers.

I had a disappointment yesterday at the lunch for Adenauer over my Chateau Mission Haut Brion 1929. It is highly considered, but the bottles we drank were mediocre.

I stopped on my way home to-night to pay Pernet a bill and bought from him a folding steel bed (18th century)

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with four posts and a top ornament. It is in bad condition, but when furbished up will, I think, be lovely.

Friday, November 23, 1951.

We left the house at 8.15 this morning for Orly, where Dean and his entourage, including us, were taking a C-54 for Rome. We left in the rain and flew over the flooded areas of the Rhone (a distressing sight especially around Avignon). Of course it is a small disaster compared with conditions in Italy, where the river Po is completely out of control. As we neared the Mediterranean the weather cleared, and we passed St. Raphael, Antibes, Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo, Elba, and Corsica, lighted brilliantly by the sun. Three and a half hours from Paris to Rome. E. and I arrived at the Grand Hotel, and soon were lunching on fettuchini, scampi and Soave wine at Alfredo's. I then made several trips to the Embassy, and finally we got to bed about eleven, something that has not happened for weeks.

Saturday, November 24, 1951

To the Embassy for a briefing session this morning.

John Snyder conveyed me in his car to the building set aside for the NATO meeting - a huge, garish Mussolini edifice admirable for this purpose. It was all well arranged, with an honor guard of Bersaglieri and other trappings. The delegations are huge - our own consisting of about 250 people, of whom I am doubtful [redacted] half are necessary. Mike Pearson of Canada was the presiding officer, de Gasperi as Premier of the host country made the opening speech. Van Zeeland, Eden, and the Danish Foreign Minister were other speakers. This was a formal session, and nothing new or startling was uttered.

All this was over at one o'clock, and I went with John Snyder to lunch at Jimmy Dunn's where we were joined by General Bradley, Dean, Bob Lovett, George Perkins

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and Chuck Spofford.

The NATO meeting reconvened at 3.30. Dean spoke with his usual clarity and ease on the situation in the Far East, Eden on Egypt and the Suez, Schuman in a rather general way about Indochina, and there were remarks and comments from lesser luminaries, as well as reading of reports.

There was a reception at the Quirinale this afternoon, but I skipped it after having a long talk with Ty Wood about the future of ECA - now the Mutual Security Agency. The Government is lucky to have Ty willing to remain in its service.

To-night we went to dinner at the Dunns' - Mary and Jimmy, Alice and Dean, Adele and Bob Lovett. It was very agreeable.

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Sunday, November 25, 1951.

Went to the Embassy this morning, read cables, conferred with Tommy and Bob Bowie. We lunched with Frank and Kitty Giles. We miss them so much in Paris, but the London Times is fortunate to have them in Rome. Lord Delisle and Dudley, the new British Secretary for Air, a VC and the son-in-law of E's cousin Lord Gort - also a VC -- was there, as were Aliki (Miss Greece, once Paul Louis Weiller's wife), and John Russell. It was sunny, and the view from their roof terrace quite ethereal.

After lunch we took a turn around the Vatican enclosure, then I went to a meeting at the office. From there we trekked to an enormous and genial cocktail party at the Dunns', followed by a buffet supper for about thirty people at the Tommy Thompsons' - the Achesons, Dunns, Spoffords, Lovetts, etc. There were Neapolitan singers and it was fun. To bed late.

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Monday, November 26, 1951

Roused early, went out, bought some silk for shirts, clambered up to the fifth floor of the Embassy, read cables, disputed, lunched with E. at Ranieri's, attended NATO meeting at Foro Italiano, heard Al Gruenther, Averell, Edwin Plowden, Eisenhower discourse, went with Dean and Averell to Embassy, there had conference with high brass, military and civilian, in which European Defense Force bone of contention, I almost its sole upholder, then I talked to Bowie and Tommy on same subject, had dish of noodles with Bolognese sauce, stewed kidneys and mushrooms, finally to bed disheartened but not despondent.

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Tuesday, November 27, 1951.

E's birthday. She is thirty-seven. We are staying across the street from where she went to a French school when she was twelve, and I was in the Consulate here.

I do love Rome visually, and best of all its fountains, especially those with Neptunes and Dolphins.

At eleven to a NATO plenary session. No fireworks. To lunch at the excellent Restaurant Passarò as guests of the charming Bob Lovetts - Prime Minister Van Zeeland of Belgium, making the fifth. I had to leave early to attend a séance of the Council of Deputies on a European Defense Force resolution. Lots of windy arguments and inconclusive results. Thence to the Embassy where there was a Tripartite meeting - Acheson, Schuman and Eden. German questions were mulled over.

At nine o'clock we went to Ranieri's for a gay dinner with Griselda and Hervé Alphand. To bed about 2 a.m.

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Wednesday, November 28,1951.

Meeting of NATO at the Foro Italico at 10 a.m. Nothing exciting. I spent most of the morning nipping in and out of the Assembly hall with Tommy to draft a paper on the use of 600 million dollars of American Aid that Mayer could use for a budget presentation to his Parliament. During a recess, I had a good talk with Jimmy Dunn about measures being taken in Italy to combat Communism, some of which might be applicable to France.

Dean and George Perkins are greatly disturbed over prospects of a European Defense Force ever coming into being, and want me to act vigorously on this matter when I return to Paris.

E. and I went to lunch at Passedo to celebrate her yesterday's birthday. Afterwards, we walked in the beautiful Piazza Navona where the fountains are marvelous. Then to the Embassy, where I had a long talk with Dean, George Perkins and Luke as to what is to be done in Paris in December to try to advance our policies.

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I left there to dress for an enormous dinner given by Mike Pearson in the Barberini Palace - vast and sumptuous rooms. After dinner I had a long talk with de Staercke of Belgium about his country's objections to the European Defense Force plan, and we will go into it further next week in Paris.

To bed late.

Thursday, November 29, 1951

We left the Rome airport at 9.30 this morning on General Bradley's Constellation. It was a fine ride to Paris, which we reached at 1.20 p.m. I had an opportunity en route to talk a good deal to General Bradley and Doug MacArthur about the European Army and other topics. The next meeting of NATO is set for Lisbon on February 2nd, and it is hoped whatever conclusions the Wise Men will reach be implemented before then, that the German contractual agreements will have been successfully drafted, and the European Defense Force be defined in approved treaty form.

I went to the office this afternoon and found an uneasy feeling prevailing about the prospects of the Schuman Plan being voted by the French Parliament next week. It will be debated on December 7th and 8th.

After dinner to-night, I went to see Jean Monnet. In addition to his work on the Temporary Council Committee (Wise Men), he has been trying to secure parliamentary

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support for the Schuman Plan. He is neither optimistic nor pessimistic over the prospects of its passage, but it is [redacted] evident that much work remains to be done if a favorable vote is to be obtained. The Socialist Party has split, and some of them favor amendments to the Plan. This would create an impossible situation, since it would entail the calling of a new conference.

At eleven to-night, I called on Prime Minister Pleven. He believes [redacted] the Schuman Plan will be passed if the Socialists can be brought into line. I told him of the great concern on our part over the vote of this Plan, the European Defense Force and the Contractual Agreement with Germany. I discussed with him in entire frankness the problem posed for us by the slowness of the Paris conference in reaching decisions on various matters connected with the EDF. I expressed the hope [redacted] it could be elevated from the technical to the ministerial level, and [redacted] governmental decisions would

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be made to the Conference [redacted], enable [redacted] rapidly to conclude its work. He said [redacted] as soon as the Schuman Plan was out of the way he would personally direct the operations of the French Delegation.

I took this opportunity to talk to him about the Communist situation in France, and have arranged a continuing liaison in this respect.

Pleven's greatest worry is over [redacted] his budget, which will show a gap of 350 billion francs without any way [redacted] he can presently foresee of covering it. He looks tired, as indeed he might well be since he has to work day and night.

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Friday, November 30, 1951.

I spent most of the day going over office matters, and especially discussing various aspects of the forthcoming parliamentary debate on the Schuman Plan, and what might be done to speed up the European Army conference.

E. came to lunch with me on sandwiches, and we got through a large folder of invitations, charitable requests, etc.

Late this afternoon, I had the U.S. group who have been attending the European Defense Force conference meetings, at the house to lay out a program for coordinated action on our part. General Michaelis, Colonel Richardson, Stan Cleveland, Doug MacArthur, Bickel, and others were there. At the termination of our meeting, there seemed to be general agreement [redacted] we should bend every [redacted] endeavor to persuade the delegations from the various member countries to finish their work by December 31st.

We went to a [redacted] pleasant dinner to-night given by

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the Howard Raileys at their apartment at 54 avenue d'Iéna. The Robert de Lessups, the Philippe de Croissets, Henry Hyde, Liliane and Cecile de Rothschild, Francois and Yvonne de Rose, (and after dinner Yvette de Faramond and her husband), were the other guests.

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Saturday, December 1,1951.

We went off to Robert Gérard's place near Rambouillet to shoot rabbits. Bunny Carter, Brose Chambers, Jean Delorme, Toto Anisan de Perron, E., PZ and I, Brucie and Carlos made up the party. Colette Gerard joined us later with her eldest son. We had breakfast from ten to twelve before taking the field. In the course of the afternoon, we killed 200 rabbits, but saw no birds. After a tremendous tea, E., PZ. and I went to Versailles to spend the night.

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Sunday, December 1951.

It rained at Versailles this morning.

Myra and Norman Armour, Eleanor and Sonny Whitney came for lunch. Sasha and David had arrived this morning, and we returned with the family to Paris this afternoon.

I had a long talk with Hank Hyroade at the House to-night about our next move in connection with EDF.

Nelson Slater came to dinner.

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Monday, December 3, 1951.

I went to see Mrs. Roosevelt this morning at the Astoria Hotel. She wanted to speak to me about the social situation in France, notably concerning relationships between employers and employees and the operations of the Social Security system. I am arranging to have her meet various French individuals in this connection.

Executive head of the Socialist Party, Guy Mollet had lunch with me at the house.

In the course of our conversation we had a [redacted] discussion about the Socialist Party's attitude toward the Schuman Plan and the European Army scheme. He is in favor of the principle of a European Army provided sufficient political powers are given the central authority so that Germany cannot dominate it. The ideal solution in his opinion would be to have Great Britain become a subscribing member from the outset. Realizing this is impossible, he would like to have the British in some way associate themselves with it. He does not see exactly how this can be done, but thinks an announcement on the part of Great

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Britain, saying that the Government of the United Kingdom will find a formula for close association with the European Army might be sufficient to enable the French Socialist Party to support the European Defense treaty. He agreed upon the essentiality of having the conference terminate its deliberations before the end of the year, and place any disagreed items before the interested governments. On the subject of a single High Commissioner versus a college of high commissioners, he is inclined to favor the former solution. He would personally agree, to obtain such a result, to the naming of a non-Frenchman, preferably Spaak, to this position. This conversation was interesting as showing that the French Socialist Party is not definitely opposed to the European Defense Force.

Mollet also told me that the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party had entrusted him with the decision as to how most of the members should vote on the Schuman Plan. He said they had abandoned their idea of

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insisting on reservations which would require another conference between members states. They would express their reservations in the course of the debate, but the only formal action they would demand of the French Government would be in regard to the continuance of the present investment program for French coal and steel industries. This he said was a matter [redacted] he had reason to believe would be acceptable to Pleven. It would require an understanding between the Government and the Socialist Party and would not be made a condition of the treaty. He therefore felt [redacted] the Socialists could go ahead and vote freely for ratification, which he said he considered a certainty.

To-night we went to dinner with Eleanor and Denny Johnson. I sat between the Dutch Ambassadress and the delightful old Comtesse de Ségur.

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Tuesday, December 4, 1951.

Eddy Molyneux came to see me this morning about sending his pictures to the National Gallery to be exhibited there next spring. It is perhaps one of the best small collections I know, selected with great taste, and I hope his generous offer is accepted.

Prescott Bush called to see me. He lost in the last senatorial contest in Connecticut by one thousand votes, out of a total of more than eight hundred thousand, to Bill Benton. He is going to run again next summer and thinks he has a good chance of success.

Benjamin Welles, [redacted] assigned by the New York Times to SHAPE and whom I saw recently in Rome, came in. Afterwards I had a long talk with Lester Markel, editor of the Sunday edition of the New York Times.

I gave a buffet lunch for the congressional groups who are now in Paris, including Congressmen William A. Barrett, Clarence G. Burton, Daniel J. Flood, John E. Fogarty, Tom B. Fugate, Wayne L. Hays, Donald W. Nicholson,

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Wright Patman, Prince H. Preston Jr., John J. Rooney, Brent Spence, and members of their staffs. We were 37 in all.

After lunch, I had a [redacted] talk with Carlisle Humelsine at the office regarding Departmental plans and problems.

I then went to a Steering Committee meeting of the EDF. Alphand outlined a procedure which, if followed, might enable the Conference to conclude its labors by the 31st of December. From there I went to see M. Bidault, who gave me a copy of a letter he had sent to-day to Averell on the French military program. I gathered [redacted] he is at odds with René Mayer over how to finance the program.

Nancy Lancaster arrived from London to-day to stay with us.

After dinner, E. and I went to the Théatre des Champs Elysées to attend the annual gala given by the

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Presse Etrangère. It was a [redacted] good show; [redacted] the house was crowded with diplomats, artists, members of United Nations delegations, and a dressy assortment of people of all kinds.

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Wednesday, December 5,1951.

Chuck Spofford came in this morning, and we had a long talk about the relationship between EDC and NATO. Bob Bowie and Tommy joined us; we will follow this matter vigorously in the next few days.

I had Gaston Palewski to lunch, and talked to him with the utmost frankness regarding the Gaullist position on the Schuman Plan and European Army. I believe he will advise that the Gaullists abstain from voting on the Schuman Plan, - if so, its passage would be assured. On the European Army, their position has become so solidified in opposition that they are unlikely to budge from it. Their official line is that no intermediate step, such as the Schuman Plan or the Pleven Plan, should be adopted, but Western Europe should proceed immediately to a full political federation.

I came back to the office and presented the Medal of Freedom to Pierre Veran who had been an OSS agent during

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the war. He arrived with several members of his family and there were the usual photographs.

I had a conversation with Hank Byroade before he left this afternoon for Gibraltar to join the Secretary.

The European Defense Force conference to-day was [redacted] interesting as its members came to grips with the problem of a common budget. The Belgians and Dutch explained their opposition to the French plan, which is generally in accordance with the views of the German delegation. The Belgians especially want budgets and procurement to continue on a national basis, a procedure which, if adopted, would mean nothing more [redacted] than a coalition of national armies rather than a blended force. It was also decided that the chiefs of delegations would go to Strasbourg next week, and there meet with the Foreign Ministers of the member countries in an attempt to settle some of the major issues still outstanding.

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I went to a meeting at Averell's office at six o'clock to discuss the Bidault letter, a copy of which was given to me yesterday by M. Bidault. It was decided that, since he had acted entirely on his own, and apparently without consultation with any of his cabinet colleagues, we could reply in a few days and say it was impossible to comply with his request, which was in effect a demand for an additional nine hundred million dollars of American Aid.

To-night E. and I went to a farewell dinner for Ty Wood at his beautiful apartment at 121 rue de Lille which he has been renting from Bill Gower. His co-hosts, Jim and Eleanor Henrick, put on a performance where Eleanor went through a Spanish dance with Jim handling the guitar and singing. Mrs. Roosevelt, Eve Curie, Mrs. Biddle, the Guy de la Chambres, the Harrimans and others were there. I had a long - and I hope - a useful talk with LaChambre about the

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Schuman Plan and the European Army.

M. Pleven called me to-night to say [redacted] the RPF was going to try to adjourn consideration of the Schuman Plan for three months, but he thought he had the votes to overcome this maneuver.

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Thursday, December 6, 1951.

This is Eve Curie's birthday and I sent a present from us to her this morning.

I went to the dentist who fortunately found no apparent trouble.

We had lunch to-day at General Billotte's at 39 rue du Commandant Charcot at Neuilly. There was quite a large group, including the Dewavrins, the Barrachins, the Beraudières, Geoffrey de Waldner, Marie de Rothschild, and others.

After lunch, I had a [redacted] talk with Messrs. Billotte, Barrachin and Dewavrin about the Schuman Plan and the European Army plan. Dewavrin became sometime ago a Radical Socialist, but has remained on [redacted] friendly terms with the Gaullists. He joined me in pointing out to them the grave consequences of their action if they should be responsible, by joining with the Communists, for killing off either the Schuman Plan or the European Army plan.

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I still hope they will abstain from voting on the Schuman Plan, but as regards the EDF their position has become crystalized to an extent that even if some of them wish to withdraw from it, they would find it exceedingly difficult. They are completely unrealistic about it, but are somewhat appalled at the idea that if it does not come to pass, and if a German national army should be constituted, some American equipment, which might otherwise have gone to France, will probably be diverted to German needs.

Bill Donovan came to see me this afternoon and told me some interesting things about recent conversations he has had with General Eisenhower.

I went to the European Army Conference at four o'clock and remained there several hours. It was agreed [redacted] the Foreign Ministers of the participating nations would meet at Strasbourg on Tuesday of next week from ten o'clock until midnight. This is too short a time to reach decisions on [redacted] some of the major questions which will be before them, but at least such a meeting is better than nothing.

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Meanwhile, the Belgian and Dutch stands on the common budget remain unaltered.

To-night, Nancy Lancaster left for England and E., PZ and I went to the Odéon for the opening night of the French version by the Comédie Française of Shakespeare's "As You Like It". It was a crowded house and a brilliant audience. I have seldom seen such settings or costumes as fine as were presented. Obviously, however, the play loses heavily in translation.

After the first act, we had a bottle of wine with the compliments of the management of the Mediterranée across the street.

I had a short chat with Parodi during the intermission - he told me that Messrs. Churchill and Eden were coming to Paris on December 17th to meet Pleven and Schuman.

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Morris L. Ernst came to see me this morning. He had some interesting ideas about Morocco, and I talked to him regarding my own view of the great importance of increasing European immigration to that country. I had a talk with Carlisle Humelsine concerning State Department personnel problems. Ex Prime Minister Daladier, Jacqueline Patenôtre and Margaret Biddle came to lunch with us today. Inevitably there was a discussion about the Schuman Plan and the European Army. Daladier will support the Schuman Plan, but up to the present time has been against the European Army. I hope he may have been somewhat influenced in favor of it, since he has heard an exposition of the reasons why it is being supported by the United States. My friend Botherau of the Force Ouvriere came in to ask me whether I could persuade Stan Griffis to intercede for the release from prison in Madrid of a prominent Spanish Trade Unionist who is on a hunger strike, and [redacted] said to be in a dying condition. I wrote to Stan immediately on this matter. Mr. John R. Davis, [redacted]

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a powerful figure in the Farmer's Cooperative Movement in the United States, called on me with Colonel Herrmann, and we talked about the proposed European Agricultural Pool, as well as the recent Food and Agricultural Organization meeting in Rome.

Ashley and Virginia arrive tonight to spend a few days with us. It seems likely that Ashley will soon be sent to Austria as British Ambassador, [redacted]

The vote on the Schuman Plan was to come up tonight in the National Assembly. However, some of the Deputies put forward a motion to postpone consideration of it for four months. At almost six o'clock this morning Pleven, who naturally realizes [redacted] such a postponement would kill the Plan, asked for a vote of confidence in the Government on its opposition to this motion. This vote will be taken at four p.m. next Tuesday. If the Government is successful, it should then easily muster the votes to approve the Treaty.

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Saturday, December 8, 1951.

I had a meeting this morning with Messrs. Labouisse, Timmons and Bonsal to arrive at an understanding as to how the country team operations should henceforth be carried on in the military aid field. We propose to have a formal reunion at least once a week on this subject with all interested parties represented. I then talked to Messrs. Tomlinson and Bowie about the European Defense Force with particular attention to the common budget. During the course of the day I saw some of the French Government officials on the same subject.

The postponement of a parliamentary decision on the Schuman Plan is a great disappointment. One can only hope it will pass next week, for otherwise the European Defense Force scheme will go down the same drain, and our whole foreign policy will be adversely affected.

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Sunday, December 9, 1951.

We went down to Versailles this morning and had lunch there with Nelson Slater, the Clarkes, PZ and the two children.

Upon my return to Paris, I conferred with Messrs. Bowie and Tomlinson on the reply to be made to the EDF Conference's request that the United States Government state whether it wa prepared to make its end item deliveries to the EDF authority in connection with the Authority's common budget and common procurement program. I am personally [redacted] in favor of this, but it will run into certain United States Government opposition.

After they left, Eugene Black, President of the International Bank, came to see me. He is deeply interested in a most constructive move, namely, having the Bank step into the Iran oil situation to try to get the refinery operating again. We also talked about the French financial situation. Black is a fine man with a broad grasp of these vital international problems.

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Monday, December 10, 1951.

Mrs. Nellie Ross, Director of the Mint, came to see me this morning. Then I saw Tomlinson and Howie about the European Army. Afterwards, M. Gustav Soucek, the new Czech Ambassador, called on me. He said [redacted] he hoped that in spite of the governmental difficulties between our countries we would maintain friendly and cordial relations. I said [redacted] I looked forward to paying him a return call as soon as I returned from England.

I next had a visit from Mr. Henry Billings, son-in-law of Edwin and Augusta Poe of Baltimore.

I left the office at twelve o'clock and E. and I took the Epicure plane of Air-France from Le Bourget to London. We had a delicious cold lunch and a [redacted] good flight. We went to Nancy Lancaster's house at 18A/[redacted] Charles Street. She is in the country so we were alone there.

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Tuesday, December 11, 1951.

I went this morning to see Ambassador Gifford and Julius Holmes at the Embassy. We had a long talk about the security controls in Germany, and then about the European Army. We explored various possibilities regarding what Great Britain might do to be helpful in line with Mr. Eden's conversations with Secretary Acheson. We thought perhaps on the forthcoming visit of Messrs. Eden and Churchill to Paris they might make a public announcement of their great interest in the success of this plan. They might additionally say that if and when the organization came into being they would like to have a special liaison delegation with it, so they could be as completely associated as possible without joining it. Moreover, they might state that the British Government would welcome the participation of any British nationals, if their services were desired as members of the staff of the organization. We explored further possibilities relating to the above, and it was

agreed that Gifford would take this up with Eden, and Holmes with Bob Pierson and others.

We lunched with the Giffords, who had as their other guests the Batts, Henney Holmes and Ashley Clarke. [redacted]. Walter, Bill and myself remained for a good time talking about the French and British economic and financial situations.

We did a little shopping in the late afternoon, in the course of which I acquired some silver from Crichton.

At six o'clock we went to see the Salisburys at 2 Swan Walk, Chelsea, - a lovely small house [redacted] they acquired after the war. I had a [redacted] talk with Bobbity along the lines of my conversation this morning with Messrs. Gifford and Holmes. I told him [redacted] I thought the British Government had at the present time a unique opportunity, without departing from its principle of not becoming a participant in measures looking to [redacted]federation on the continent, to express its especial interest in the European Army. He seemed in accord with this view

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and will follow it up. We talked about events in Egypt and in Iran. In regard to the latter, he expressed the hope that the United States Government would not advance any financial aid to Mossadegh with the expectation this would stave off the taking-over of power in Iran by the Tudeh Party. He thinks such payments would be like blackmail - they would only lead to further demands without eradicating the original evil. I thoroughly agree with this.

We went from there to see South Pacific at the Drury Lane Theater. It has been having an immense success in London, but the owner of the theater kindly arranged for us to have two seats in the crowded house and gave us drinks in his office between the acts. Afterwards we went around to see the star, Mary Martin, and her nice husband, Richard Holiday. The performance was quite enchanting. There were five Americans in it, and the rest of the cast was English. The music was catchy.

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Afterwards, we had [redacted] supper at Cunningham's Oyster Bar in Curzon Street. The cost of such meals in London is high. [redacted] For the two of us, with only oysters, sole and bread, and a bottle of Moselle wine, the bill amounted to about $15.

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Wednesday, December 12, 1951.

We returned this morning from London on the Epicure flight of Air France. I went immediately to the office and plunged into affairs connected with the European Army.

To-night we went to dinner with General and Mrs. Eisenhower at their attractive house at Marne La Coquette. The Harold Stassens, the Harrimans, the Sulzbergers and others were there. After dinner we had a long talk about the European Army. General Eisenhower is [redacted] much encouraged by the vote in the French Assembly rejecting the postponement of a decision on ratification of the Schuman plan.

The Plan itself will be voted upon to-morrow morning. We all agreed that the next month would be crucial in relation to our policy for building an effective military force in Europe, including Germany.

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Thursday, December 13, 1951.

I went out this morning to see General Eisenhower. Al Gruenther, General Michaelis and Doug MacArthur were there. We had a long talk about the European Defense Force, and what could be done on the American side to be useful in promoting its constitution. General Eisenhower wrote to Eden on the subject yesterday, and will write to Churchill to-day. He is supporting it in every way possible, and is its most effective proponent.

Jean Paul David came to lunch with me. He had various suggestions to make as to how I might help in the EDF affair. We then discussed his activities in Paix et Liberté - by far the most effective anti-Communist propaganda in France - and his plans for extending his operations on an international basis. He is a brilliant, determined fellow, and there are certain aspects of his work which offer [redacted] interesting intelligence possibilities.

This afternoon I was photographed with Clem Brown for the Paris American Christmas Fund. I then went to

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the European Army conference meeting, where Alphand announced that the Foreign Ministers of the participating nations would convene in Paris on December 27th to spend three or four days together. They expect and hope [redacted] the Conference will give them a rough draft treaty by that time.

To-night, we dined with the Van Zeelands at a huge banquet at the Ritz. Pleven and several of the French cabinet ministers were there. M. Schuman came in late, [redacted] pleased at the successful vote in the United Nations Assembly postponing further debate on the Morrocan question. The other French statesmen were jubilant over the 377 to 233 vote on the Schuman Plan to-day, and depressed by the decision of the Wise Men to ask for a substantial increase in the French military budget.

Phil Jessup and I had a [redacted] talk with M. Bech, Foreign Minister of Luxemburg, on the European Army and other subjects. He is the wittiest political figure in Europe.

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Friday, December 14,1951.

I went to the Hotel Astoria this morning and talked to the American Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly for an hour or longer about the political, economic and military situation in France.

Later Freddy Reinhardt came to see me at the office to arrange for me to give a short lecture on American foreign policy at the International War College on January 9th.

Norman Armour Sr. called to say goodbye. He showed me [redacted] newspaper comments on the rumor [redacted] he was to be the political adviser on foreign affairs for Senator Taft in connection with the latter's campaign for the presidency. This is [redacted] unfortunate from Norman's standpoint, since, not only is the report entirely untrue, but he has been an active opponent of Senator Taft's views on foreign affairs. Senator Brewster, [redacted] a classmate of Norman's at college, is at the bottom of this business.

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I had lunch to-day with General Eisenhower, General Gruenther, General Michaelis, M. Spaak, M. de Staercke and Doug MacArthur. We discussed the European Army and European Federation. It would be helpful if the French and Germans would consent in advance to have Spaak made the European Defense Commissioner, -- and I think he would accept it.

After lunch, I talked to General Eisenhower about the visit he is to make to M. Pleven this afternoon in connection with the TCC findings in regard to the French military budget. This is a matter about which M. Pleven had talked to me last night, and he is depressed over the prospects of France not being able to meet its commitments both in NATO and Indochina. General Eisenhower sympathizes with him in this dilemma, and I am sure will have some constructive thoughts concerning it.

I had a talk this afternoon with Senator Ellender of Louisiana. His great concern is over preserving a sound

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economy in the United States, which inclines him to view foreign aid as an extravagance [redacted] we cannot afford. I disagree with this conclusion, since in the long run extending aid to these foreign countries in the way of military end items and economic assistance is by far the cheapest way from our standpoint of building up the defenses of the free world.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Barry of New Orleans, with a letter of introduction from Mayor Morrison, called to see me, and I enjoyed [redacted] talking to them.

Thereafter, Harry Labouisse and Tommy came in to discuss the TCC report on France before I see M. Pleven later in the afternoon. This I did with Averell at 6.15. I have never seen Pleven so downcast. He said [redacted] he felt his policies had failed since there was no way he could present a budget that would not leave uncovered a gap of 120 billion francs, even after he had added 270 billion francs in new taxation. This matter will come up before the Finance Committee of the Assembly next Tuesday after

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many postponements. He thinks his Budget will be rejected there and the government will fall. He states that something in the nature of the figure arrived at in TCC will supply only the bare necessities for France's contributions in NATO, and the real problem is the drain in Indochina where the French have lost a thousand men in the last three days. He asked whether there were some way, probably by off shore procurement, in which we could add 120 billion francs worth of expenditures to Defense Department procurement. If he were to reduce the military budget further, M. Bidault would resign, which would cause a governmental fall. If he were to reduce the investment and reconstruction budgets further, the Socialists would overthrow the government.

To make matters more complicated, early this afternoon I had a talk with Jean Monnet on the telephone who said that unless the French Government took the decision to withdraw its army from Indochina and increase its contribution to NATO, he would resign and tell the people of France why

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he had done so.

Pleven is a fine man and is in a tough spot.

Averell and I had a long talk about this afterwards and we will see what can be done. Tommy came down to see me to-night on the same subject and went off for a talk with Clermont Tonnerre.

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Saturday, December 15, 1951.

This morning Labouisse, Tomlinson, myself and others met to consider the discussion which Averell and I had [redacted] with Pleven last night. We decided that Harry would get in touch with Clermont Tonnerre this afternoon, and see whether we could agree on some proposition that might be acceptable to Washington.

Huntington Gilchrist came to see me this morning. In his capacity as Vice Chairman of Brookings Institute he touched me for a considerable sum of money to help with the expenses of a banquet to be given by Brookings next May for its officers and alumni.

Clair Irish called. He is leaving for a [redacted] months' visit to the United States, and wanted to ask [redacted] questions about the present situation in France.

René Pleven came to lunch with me. We continued the discussion of yesterday about the French military budget, and then passed on to [redacted] other questions. I told him how timely I thought it would be if [redacted] shortly he

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would issue a call for a constitutional convention to consider European Federation. He said he was making a speech next Friday to the students at the Cité Universitaire, and that he might suggest such a thing, depending upon the ratification of the Schuman Plan by the German Bundestag. I hope [redacted] he does so, and that his gloomy feeling that he may not be in office much longer [redacted] will prove to be unjustified. He really leads a terrible life, beset on every side by serious problems.

I have been looking over the list of the members of the American Congress who have been in Paris between November 1st and December 15th. It totals 156, and there are no doubt [redacted] others who were not brought to my attention.

E. and I went down to Versailles and spent the night, [redacted]

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Sunday, December 16, 1951.

A [redacted] sunny, cold day. We took a walk in the park with the dogs and [redacted] the children, who had arrived this morning.

M. and Mme de la Bruyère (Paulette the famous hat maker), Mona Williams and Eddy Bismarck, came to lunch with us. Paulette is absolutely charming, and her husband [redacted] intelligent and attractive.

I went to the office at five o'clock this afternoon for a meeting with Labouisse, Tasca, Tomlinson and so forth to go over [redacted] papers in connection with Pleven's request for further US assistance. We agreed on the terms of a letter, which we hope [redacted] Averell [redacted] may send to the French Government stating [redacted] he would recommend [redacted] the US give consideration to including in its next aid presentation to Congress a request for additional assistance for Indochina in the second six months of 1952. He would also recommend that a larger amount of economic assistance, within the 600 million figure now under discussion

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between the two governments, should be provided.

This would be dependent upon (a) a mutual review of the content and breakdown of the military program made possible by a 1,280 billion franc budget; (b) a mutual understanding on satisfactory arrangements on the various matters now under discussion, including the progress of infrastructure, LOC, etc.; procedures for off shore procurement; productivity; use of counterpart; tax relief; appropriate economic and financial policies, etc.

Tasca took this proposal to Averell to-night, and Averell decided he did not think it advisable to write any such letter. I am to discuss the matter with him to-morrow morning.

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Monday - December 17, 1951

I went to see Averell Harriman early this morning at his house. We talked over the French military budget matters which had been under consideration in the last few days. He will devote himself further to this situation upon his return to Washington next week.

Cy Sulzberger, who is writing a series of articles on the European Army, came to see me to verify some of the things he has heard concerning matters under discussion by the conference.

Messrs. Labouisse and Timmons and Tomlinson came in, and we had another look at the French military budget and the apparent dilemma posed by it.

We had lunch at home for Ambassador to Ireland Matthews, his wife and daughter, Congressmen John Vorys and Mike Mansfield, ex-Senator and Mrs. Frank Graham of North Carolina, and ex-Ambassador Lewis Einstein.

Harry Labouisse and I went to see the Prime Minister at 3:30. We told him there was nothing to be done in regard to his

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request of last Friday for an immediate decision by the American Government placing at the disposition of the French Government additional economic assistance. However, we said [redacted] this matter had been referred to Washington and we hoped within a reasonable time [redacted] some way might be found to be of further assistance to his Government. He was in a gloomy mood again today about how his cabinet might not survive the presentation of its military budget to the Committee on Finances tomorrow.

At 6 o'clock I went to see Paul Reynaud, the Chairman of the National Committee Assembly on Finances, and had a [redacted] talk with him about the French military budget. He understood the situation, or so it seemed to me, perfectly, and I think his attitude toward it will be [redacted] constructive. If the French could take the figures of the Committee of Wise Men as a foundation for their budget on a temporary basis, and then revise them in the light of what may come to pass at the time of the Lisbon meeting in February, I believe [redacted] this problem could be at least temporarily solved. And so Monsieur Reynaud seemed to think.

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I went from there to see Georges Bidault at the Ministry of War. We had a frank talk. Most of his cabinet and a number of his high military officers wish to resign over this budget issue on the ground that with the limitations it would impose upon them it would be impossible to continue the war in Indochina, and at the same time make a satisfactory contribution to Western European defense. I suggested to him in substance the same approach I had discussed with Monsieur Reynaud, and I think Georges may be willing to accept it. Meanwhile, Harry Labouisse and others have been conferring with René Mayer. He seemed to be moderately well satisfied with the prospects of making a successful presentation to the Committee on Finances tomorrow morning.

Mr. Churchill and Eden arrived today; a heavy yellow fog blanketed the city.

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Tuesday, December 18, 1951.

Archie Alexander, Undersecretary of War, and General Stewart, in charge of end item deliveries, came to see me this morning. Woodie joined us, and we had a [redacted] talk about offshore procurement, re-negotiation, exemption from taxation and kindred subjects. Alexander is determined to speed up American expenditures in Europe so that the whole defense effort can be accelerated.

Bill Maddox stopped to see me. He is here for a few days from Lisbon, and I am looking forward to seeing him in February.

I had a haircut, [redacted] then Gaston Tessier, head of CFTC came to lunch with me. He is a charming old boy and fond of good food and wine, - we had an excellent bottle of 1921 Chateau Gruaud Larose, [redacted] part of a lot [redacted] given [redacted] me by Lowell Weicker.

Tessier fears that once United States arms strength is built up to a high degree we will wish to wage a preventive war against Russia. He says [redacted] this feeling

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is rather prevalent amongst the members of non-Communist trade unions in Europe. I told him [redacted] in my opinion the American people would never consent to commence an aggressive war; [redacted] our people were truly peace-loving and [redacted] this [redacted] was completely unjustified. Tessier is pessimistic about raising the standard of living of French industrial workers while the present rearmament program is in progress. He feels [redacted] the greatest handicap [redacted] in this country is [redacted] inflation. He reports that the membership of his organization is slowly increasing, and [redacted] the CGT is still losing influence, in spite of unsatisfactory social conditions. He is a warm friend and admirer of M. Bidault, whom he has known since the latter was a boy.

Preston Grover called on me this afternoon, then Bill Humphreys and afterwards Harold Callender. We chiefly discussed the European Army and what has become public of the Wise Men report.

Mr. Matthews, our Ambassador to Ireland, former Secretary of the Navy, called. We had a [redacted] talk about

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Ireland and what, if anything, could be done to get [redacted] its government more interested and more closely tied in with continental affairs. He agrees with me that the pre-occupation of the Irish Government over [redacted] the abolition of partition is fruitless - certainly at this time.

Bill Draper came to see me. Averell had tried to induce him to take a position which would in fact place him in charge of [redacted] United States regional activities in Europe. He would appear to me [redacted] a good choice for such a post. It would require a considerable shift in several existing organizations, such as OSR and the NATO Council of Deputies. I hope he will accept, although he has not as yet made up his mind.

The French military budget was presented to the Finance Committee this morning. After the hearing was concluded, I understand [redacted] Bidault wrote out his resignation but was induced to pocket it for the time being. Mayer based the budget, although it was provisional in nature, on the

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figure suggested by the Wise Men.

Jean Monnet called on me to-night to discuss this subject. He will try, as I did yesterday, to persuade Bidault to go along with the rest of the government. [redacted] Monnet seems determined to force the issue of Indochina, and [redacted] attempt to have French troops withdrawn unless the struggle there is participated in by some of the other great nations. Meanwhile de Lattre is in Paris for a medical examination. M. Pleven told me the other day [redacted] it is suspected [redacted] he has an inoperable cancer. If true, this will be a terrible blow to the campaign in Indochina. De Lattre's great fear, which has recently become even more accentuated, is an active participation of the Chinese Communists in the Viet Minh operations.

I saw Gordon Arneson who deals with Atomic Energy matters in the State Department, and Bob Terrill late this evening. We are concerned over the assignment of François de Rose of the French Foreign Office, who has so admirably handled

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our contacts on this subject with the French Government, to Madrid. De Rose is said to receive about three thousand dollars a year as his salary in the Foreign Office, and [redacted] feels [redacted] he must accept the better paid position in Madrid in justice to his wife and children, since at present he is not able to afford the type of education [redacted] he thinks his children should have.

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Wednesday, December 19, 1951.

I talked to Jack McCloy this morning about the security control situation. He is to see Adenauer tomorrow about it and will probably send General Hays down as an associate with me in the conversations scheduled to start on Friday. Oliver Harvey will represent the British Government, and probably Parodi the French Government.

Messrs. Labouisse, Timmons, and Tomlinson talked to me at length this morning about the French military budget.

I saw Robert de Lesseps who is anxious to establish himself with an American firm operating in Paris. He is the grandson of the great canal builder, has a beautiful Argentine wife, speaks perfect English, and did good work during the war in connection with the British and French sabotage organizations. His mother is Belgian by birth, lives in Brussels, and he has been spending some years putting order into her extensive business affairs which embrace properties in the Belgian Congo. He now has

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to make a decision as to whether [redacted] live in Helgium or in France. Since he is [redacted] anxious to bring his children up here, he is seeking this new connection. I shall talk to Bunny Carter about it and see if anything can be done.

We had lunch to-day with Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Fellowes in their beautiful house at 69 rue de Lille, which they bought from [redacted] Loel Guinness. Fellowes, [redacted] an invalid, [redacted] a cousin of Winston Churchill. She has always been considered a great beauty.

This afternoon I knocked off for an hour and went shopping with Evangeline, but we did not buy anything. It is the first time for a year in which I have walked up the rue de la Paix. We stopped to look at the [redacted] jewelry exhibition at Cartier, [redacted] distinguished by the novelty and excellence of its designs. The same was [redacted] true of Van Cleef & Arpels.

Phil Jessup came to see me this afternoon to discuss

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the situation in Indochina.

We had a dinner at the house to-night for the following people:

Baron and Baronne Geoffroy de Waldner
Baron and Baronne Elie de Rothschild
M. Jules Bertaut, famous author,
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Littell, Literary Digest.
Mr. and Mrs. Noel Barber, London Daily Mail.
Mr. Norman Armour.

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Thursday, December 20, 1951.

I went to the European Army Conference this morning. There were many interesting points at issue and some progress was made. We had a lunch for the daughter of the Horace Reeds, [redacted] is about to marry the son of Joseph Clark who has just been elected the first Democratic Mayor of Philadelphia in something like seventy-two years. Clark is [redacted] personable. His present wife, [redacted] the niece of Charlie Dewey, and his previous wife were both there, as well as a lot of young people. I had a long talk with Janet Flanner [redacted] about the French military effort, particularly in Indochina. She is going to do [redacted] articles on it for the New Yorker. She said [redacted] Harold Ross, who has just died, and was the head of the New Yorker throughout its whole existence, was the most brilliant man she had ever met in journalism.

Averell called me from Washington this afternoon to see if we were making any progress in the examination of the French military budget.

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Congressman Keating, Republican of New York, came to see me. He has just arrived from Spain, and we had a good conversation.

When I got home, I found the Whitney Shepardsons there. They have had a 4 1/2 months trip for the Carnegie Corporation. He was [redacted] much impressed by the Pakistani. Their country is the fifth largest in the world in population, ranking after India, China, the USRS and the USA.

To-night, Tommy came to see me at the house and we discussed French finances.

Late to-night I studied the file on German security controls, which we are to take up to-morrow with the British and the French.

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DIARY - DECEMBER 21, 1951

This was a hectic day. General Hays, Deputy to McCloy, arrived this morning from Germany, and we spent most of the morning discussing our approach to the French this afternoon regarding Security Controls. At noon we called on Oliver Harvey and talked to him, his staff member, Mr. Price, and Mr. Lincoln of the British Foreign Office who had come over from London to assist in this matter. I had with me General Hays, Tomlinson and Herz.

I had lunch today at home with Teddy White who is doing an article on the Embassy for the Saturday Evening Post. After lunch, the American group met again on Security Controls, and at five o'clock we went to the Quai d'Orsay, where we joined the British Delegation for a meeting with the French, who were represented by Messrs. Parodi, de la Tournelle, Seydoux and Sauvagnargues.

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In the course of the discussion, the French indicated [redacted] they would make concessions on heavy weapons, and would confine limitations in that field to guns not to exceed 105 mm and to propellants, which I take to mean powder. On the question of [redacted] other prohibited items such as atomic weapons, bacteriological and chemical weapons, etc., the French insist this must be settled by contractual arrangement, and not as Adenauer wishes by a unilateral declaration by the German Government supported by later German parliamentary legislation.

The French [redacted] promptly stated their opinion that there is no [redacted] in making concessions to the Germans in order to help them out of their own parliamentary situation if such concessions would not be approved by the French Parliament.

It was the sense of those present [redacted] that M. Schuman should discuss the subject with Chancellor Adenauer on December 27 when the latter comes to Paris for the Foreign Ministers

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meeting on the EDC.

I arrived home late for our annual Embassy Christmas reception, to which we had asked 1400 people.

Martin Herz came to see me about 11 o'clock tonight, and we drafted a telegram to the Department on the subject of the conference with the French this afternoon.

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Saturday, December 22, 1951.

I talked to Jack McCloy this morning on the telephone about the European Army and security controls.

M. Bothereau of Force Ouvrière came to see me, and I told him what we had done regarding [redacted] assistance in extricating his friend from a Spanish prison.

Phil Jessup and several other members of the United Nations delegation came to see us about the Indochinese situation. They wished to explore what position the delegation would take on what the French might ask of the United Nations in the event of overt Communist intervention in the Indochinese war.

I went to see Prime Minister Pleven at 12.45. He gave me a note, which he wanted particularly called to the attention of President Truman, asking that the military staff talks regarding Southeast Asia, agreed upon at the Singapore Conference, should be held as quickly as possible. Churchill will advocate this upon his trip to America.

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M. Letourneau was with M. Pleven, and they are both [redacted] concerned over General de Lattre's condition. He is in a hospital, may soon be operated upon, and it is possible [redacted] will not return to Indochina.

At 12.30 we had a meeting of the various members of the Embassy interested in the Indochina problem, and hope to get off a long cable on it over the weekend.

At 3.30 I went to the Christmas Party given by the American Legion for about 150 Paris orphans. There was a magician and an orchestra, and I made a little speech.

At 4.30, E. and I went to the Reed wedding at the American Pro-Cathedfal. Afterwards, we visited [redacted] the Phil Bonsals, who were having a cocktail party for the Political Section and the members of the Code Room.

The Dewavrins and Marie Louise Bousquet came to dinner. We went from there to the Théatre de la Michodière to see Marcel Achard's new play, "Le Moulin de la Galette". He had a party afterwards in the little café next door -

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Le Boléro. The proprietor and his wife between them do the bar tending, waiting and music. The man was once a rather famous composer at Lyon and produced two good operettas. His wife was a wellknown actress. They fell on evil days during the Occupation and now seem merry over their success in this new business. I sat next to Yvonne Printemps. She is everything the word "charm" means. Toward the end of the evening she sang some of her old songs. She and her husband Pierre Fresnay had the leading roles in Achard's play. Marcel himself did a wonderful skit called "Le Drapeau". It was a perfect evening and we did not get home until 3 a.m.

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Sunday, December 23,1951.

We went down to Versailles this morning, taking the children with us. The Eisenhowers and their [redacted] attractive friends General (Retired) and Mrs. Nevins came to lunch with us. The General and I talked about European Federation, and I told him of my recent conversation with Pleven regarding the possibility of Pleven issuing an invitation almost immediately for a constitutional convention to be held early next year in Paris. He said [redacted] he would communicate himself on this subject with Pleven to-morrow. I am more and more impressed by Eisenhower each time [redacted] I meet him. He is a [redacted] remarkable man.

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Monday, December 24,1951.

This is a holiday in Paris and Washington. We spent the morning at Versailles. David and Norman came down separately with messages. I gave David a draft I had made of a cable on Indochina which we will consider at the office this afternoon.

We met at the office at four o'clock - Phil Bonsal, Phil Sprouse, David Nes, Woodie Wallner and Bill Tyler - and hacked away at various cablegrams. Phil Sprouse is to put something in shape for consideration on Wednesday.

We got back late to Versailles and had a Christmas eve dinner consisting entirely of smoked fish - salmon, sturgeon and eel.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

Tuesday, December 25,1951.

Sunday had been a beautiful clear day, Monday it rained intermittently, as it did again to-day. The children were in a wild state of excitement this morning, even little Nicky rolling on the floor in a kind of ecstasy. They were impressed by the belief that the carrots they put in the fireplace last night had been entirely consumed by Santa Claus' reindeer. We all had lunch together with the children's nurse, Stevie, who is quite a character.

Afterwards, E. and I took the boys for a long walk and spent the rest of the day revising my essays on Pierce, Buchanan and Lincoln. I have now finished the entire book, and as soon as these last three essays are typed will read the manuscript as a whole. When it was published by Doubleday in 1939 I did not have time to go over it carefully before publication, and most of the changes I made were when it was in galley form. The result was a sloppy performance, although it would probably have been

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so anyhow even if I had paid more attention to it.

To-night we consumed the remainder of the smoked fish, after having had a tremendous lunch of the customary Christmas things like turkey with mashed chestnuts, plum pudding and ice cream, etc. The children on this occasion had their first taste of champagne, which set them off into fits of sneezing.

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Wednesday, December 26,1951.

I had a talk with Tommy this morning about the European Army. Then the group, which had met over the weekend, convened again to decide finally on a set of three cables regarding the Indochina situation, [redacted] these were sent off to-day.

The first, - an important one, - is as follows:

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Dec. 26, 1951

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AMEMBASSY, LONDON By Pouch

DEPTEL 3563, Dec. 18.

1. In light of domestic official and public opinion French policy in regard to IC war is rapidly moving toward a crisis. Two years ago no French Govt would have survived a proposal that IC be voluntarily abandoned. Today Emb feeling is that while such a decision would be generally greeted by Fr public with a sense of emotional relief, yet we do not believe that Fr Govt for variety of reasons would propose such a course of action in the near future. Majority of French would probably agree that France cannot continue this burden even at present tempo for more than another few months. Increasing awareness of expenditure and military casualty figures is everywhere apparent. There is almost universal recognition that the Metropole's security is adversely affected in an increasing degree by this distant adventure in an area which will never again be an asset to France.

2. Among considerations which would cause Fr Govt to avoid for as long as possible any proposal much less decision to withdraw voluntarily from Indochina except under circumstances of forced military evacuation are:

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(a) Admission of failure of policy which has cost so much in men and money;

(b) Humiliation to national pride and loss of prestige abroad;

(c) Logistical problem of evacuating under military and guerrilla pressure French Union troops, French civilians and such loyal Vietnamese as practical to include in such evacuation;

(d) Almost certain massacre or oppression of incalculable number of Fr Union nationals left behind;

(e) Voluntary nature of act which would strike at very roots of French Union concept and particularly constitutional commitment (Art 62) to defend Union, with inevitable repercussions of gravest sort in rest of Union, particularly French North Africa;

(f) Terrific impetus to Communist prestige and propaganda both in France and French overseas territories. Parliamentary reactions to balancing above considerations against those in favor of withdrawal are so unpredictable as to cause grave crisis whether Govt emerged intact or not. (In this connection, as well as for general background purposes, Dept may care to review Embtels 4633, Dec. 1, 1949; 620, Feb. 7; 740, Feb. 16; 837, Feb. 22; 840, Feb. 22; and 860, Feb. 23, 1950.)

3. Gaullists would certainly at this time reject abandonment thesis. Rank and file of Socialist Party would probably prefer some international disposition of problem, but Socialist leaders have thus far generally supported present Govt position although many individual Socialists have always favored withdrawal. Mendès-France (Radical-Socialist) for some time represented voice in

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wilderness, but his thesis of complete abandonment is obviously one that has gained increasing number of adherents. Monnet says that France cannot make her proper contribution to defense in the West while supporting any major military establishment in Indochina. Under existing circumstances he favors complete withdrawal regardless of consequence. Bevinat (influential Radical-Socialist and former Minister) has told us in effect: Quote We cannot continue in IC as at present. Mendès-France is absolutely right and there is no escaping his logic. The only question is how and when the change be made to one of the three following courses of action: (a) problem to be internationalized, (b) France to receive massive additional financial aid and US equipment and troops, (c) France to pull out Unqte. Raymond Aron is so pessimistic about continuance effort there that he has refrained from publishing his views.

4. Difficulties of problems confronting France in its effort to rearm in Europe while maintaining French Union forces in IC are causing increasing uneasiness, which is reflected in many ways. Editorial and other newspaper comment on this subject is widespread. (Newspaper comment embodied in a following telegram.) One consideration which plays part in present thinking is possibility successful conclusion Korean armistice negotiations which French believe might unleash Chinese Communist troops for use against IC.

5. While campaign of press comment re IC may in some cases spring from special inspirations, it nonetheless both reflects and

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encourages popular reaction and Govt uneasiness. North African and Metropolitan forces have been depleted to meet Fr needs in IC. Govt has frequently pointed out that Fr officers and non-commissioned officers presently in IC are sufficient to form cadres for ten divisions in Europe. Budgetary aspects of problem in terms of Fr expenditures in IC have previously been reported in detail in Embtels and will be discussed further in separate cable.

6. As indicated in increasing volume of press comment, and in conversations we have had with various governmental, political and newspaper personalities, Fr public has come to point where it considers, as has long been Govt's position repeatedly presented to Washington, that Fr effort in IC represents no longer purely national interest and responsibility, but rather interests of all free nations. While realizing importance of present US assistance in IC, they think that question should be squarely faced by all whether IC operations should not be considered part of western effort rather than primarily Fr responsibility.

7. Fr Govt also apparently sees no end in sight to hostilities in IC. Perhaps partially for that reason we have statements such as Pleven made to NAT Assembly Nov. 16 re possibility contacts with China, and reference in communiqué issued at conclusion High Council Fr Union Nov. 30 re possibility international conference for purpose ending foreign intervention SEA.

8. It is quite obvious that the nature of the struggle in IC has radically altered during the past two years. The French effort

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immediately after the liberation was designed purely to protect France's empire and public and private interests in IC. With the overthrow of Chiang Kai-Shek and the increasing assistance which the Chinese have been furnishing the Vietminh in both training and materials, the war has taken on the aspects of a struggle against the expansion of Communist imperialism. The Vietminh has been converted from a largely nationalistic group to a completely Communist-dominated military and terroristic organization of growing resources and possibilities.

9. Although, thanks largely to French initiative, some progress has been made, the political situation in Vietnam continues unsatisfactory. France has granted the Assoc States a very considerable measure of autonomy -- probably more than they are able to handle. A beginning has been made in the creation of a national Vietnamese Army. Yet it seems quite clear that there has not yet been created an anti-Communist nationalist native force which is able alone to meet the Vietminh successfully, even in local engagements. A withdrawal of the Fr Union forces either now or within the next two years would produce a definitive collapse of the present Assoc States political organization and its replacement by a Communist State. Very large numbers of influential natives are on the fence. There is, on our side of the fence, a minimum of native politico-military dynamism.

10. Although General de Lattre has stated that in the absence of an invasion by large forces of Chinese volunteers or regulars he

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can clean situation up in 12 to 18 months, I believe this is whistling in the wind. As long as the Vietminh continue to be trained, reformed, supplied and able to seek sanctuary in China, no annihilation of Vietminh forces seems possible.

11. The Fr Union Army has already lost 35,000 killed, of whom 800 deaths, as of July 4, 1951, represented St. Cyr graduates. About 2/3 of their most competent noncoms and perhaps 1/2 of their officers are stationed there, as well as the cream in quality and the preponderance in quantity of their professional troops.

12. Although Fr have complained bitterly of delays in materiel shipments to IC, de Lattre has recognized that had it not been for US contributions of those end items which have been delivered, Fr could not have contained some of Vietminh attacks in 1951. If Chinese should enter conflict only with jets they could sweep Fr air force as now equipped from the skies. Fr ascribe much of their success this year to unchallenged air operations.

13. The Fr and the British are urging us to hold staff conversations on the situation in SEA. Pleven's note (Embtel 3765, Dec. 22) last Saturday again raised this issue. We will be hearing from Churchill on same subject next month. There is no doubt that the most satisfactory result of these conversations from the French point of view would be the recognition of the international character of the IC war and the resultant decision that the burden being borne by France should be shared by others to a greater degree than at present. While a commitment of American armed forces under present conditions has never yet been officially requested by the French, they have already urged us to make greater contributions in money

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and materials.

14. We may soon be presented with a definite either/or situation: either we increase our present aid to IC to a very considerable extent and make certain definite commitments as to what we will do in the event of a Chinese invasion, or the French will be compelled to re-examine their entire policy in the area.

15. The issue is not entirely or even primarily whether the French will continue their effort at the now existing level. The present level will not be high enough if, even without an actual invasion, the Chinese further step up their assistance to the Vietminh. The French are becoming increasingly sensitive to the possibility of a situation in which the Fr Govt might be confronted either with the necessity for rapid withdrawal or a military disaster. In the circumstances we must decide whether we wish to go much further than we have heretofore in the direction of a multilateral approach to the problem.

16. If we agree in principle to a multilateral approach, it would seem that we must immediately engage in tripartite conversations, not only at the military but also at the political level. Amongst other considerations, we might, for instance, wish to reach a tripartite decision as to the accuracy of present Fr estimates of the military and political situation, and the wisdom of existing plans to deal with them.

17. To conclude, I believe that the snowball has started to form, and public sentiment for withdrawal, in the absence of adoption

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of some course of action envisaging either internationalization of IC problem or Fr receipt of massive additional aid, will gain steadily and perhaps at accelerated rate. It would be incorrect to assume that Fr Govt is trying merely to horsetrade or bargain far with US. It is responding slowly and unwillingly to pressures stronger than Party positions. Consequently, Emb recommends that US reexamine problem in the light of these changing circumstances prior to a final precipitation of these mixed elements in order avoid risk of a situation threatening the security of all SEA and entailing grave political and military repercussions elsewhere.

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E. and I had lunch Chez Benoit.

This afternoon, Westbrook Pegler came to see me. Several years ago he had questioned Paul Hoffman about my fitness to head the ECA Mission to France on the ground of my former connection with the National Grain Grist Corporation of Belleville, New Jersey, which, he said, was controlled by racketeers. To-day was the first time I had ever met Pegler. I told him the whole story as well as I could recollect it after twenty years. His interest in the matter derived entirely from his investigations as to the source of Jimmy Roosevelt's income. I told him [redacted] I had never met Jimmy Roosevelt at that period, nor indeed until many years later, and that I had disposed of my interest in the company [redacted] before Jimmy Roosevelt became President of it.

I talked on the phone to Jack McCloy this afternoon regarding security controls. This is a difficult question and it is going to be [redacted] hard to resolve it.

To-night we went back to Versailles.

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Thursday, December 27, 1952.

Occupied myself this morning with European Army and Indochina matters. The six Foreign Ministers are meeting at three o'clock this afternoon to deal with the EDC.

At lunchtime, I went to the exhibition of French impressionist and romatic 19th century paintings, belonging to German Museums, which had been attracting enormous crowds at the Orangerie. It is a wonderful display of fine paintings. I particularly liked the Renoirs, a few Manets and Monets, all the van Goghs, my smallest partiality being for the Courbets.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Gale came to see me this afternoon. I sent him out to China in 1941 for the Red Cross and had not seen him since. He stayed there five years. He is now retired from business, and arrived in Paris on his way home after a long personal trip through the Far East.

I was photographed in the office with Mrs. Myers and some of her Jubilee singers.

Mrs. Bolton came to see me. She has been a staunch

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supporter of the Foreign Aid Program in the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. We had a long talk.

Harold Callender came in for a discussion on the French military budget. He was followed by Mike Harris, [redacted] in charge of the negotiations in Germany over the size of the German military budget.

Prime Minister Pleven telephoned me to say [redacted] he had received General Eisenhower's letter and agreed with its contents. He said he had the matter very much in mind of calling a constitutional convention, but wished to be sure in advance that some of the nations invited would accept. He also asked again that I do everything possible to speed up deliveries to Indochina.

We [redacted] heard in great confidence this afternoon that General de Lattre has already been operated upon, and may have to undergo a second and even a third operation. I conclude that his condition is about as feared, and it may well be he will never return to Indochina.

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We went down to dinner with Mona Williams and Eddie Bismarck at her beautiful apartment in the Hotel Lambert on the Ile Saint Louis.

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Friday, December 28, 1951

General Eisenhower called me this morning and I had a talk with him about the constitutional convention matter.

Teddy White came in and we conversed about [redacted] the article he is preparing for the "Saturday Evening Post" on the Embassy.

E. and I went to lunch with Juliette and Marcel Achard. The others were the Dewavrins, Jean-Louis Barrault and his wife (the famous and attractive actress Madeleine Renaud), the [redacted] excellent actor François Perrier and his charming red-headed actress wife. We had a rollicking lunch. Barrault is [redacted] anxious to take his troupe to the United States next year, and has arranged to do so under the sponsorship of Gilbert Miller. In addition, however, he wishes to canvas the possibility of making a Goodwill tour of our universities.

This afternoo. Carlton Sprague Smith, with a letter of introduction from Jarvis Cromwell, came to see me. He is on his way to Germany and will attempt to reorganize

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the cultural centers of the UK, US and France into a common Three Power enterprise. He is well equipped for this task, having attended the University of Vienna for three year, as well as the University of Poitiers. His own college has given him leave for a sabbatical year to handle this affair.

Tomlinson and Bowie came to see me and we went over the minutes of the Foreign Ministers meeting yesterday. A good deal of argument took place there, with cloudy results.

Chuck Spofford came in on a fast trip from London, and we talked over the relationship between EDC and NATO.

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George Perkins telephoned me about French budgetary

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affairs. The government is having an extremely rough time with the Committee on Finances, and may fall over this issue after it had been debated in the Parliament.

Blum came to see me. He is to be henceforth in the Program Division of OSR.

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Paris, December 29, 1951

MEMORANDUM

I had breakfast this morning with Chancellor Adenauer and Messrs. Blakenhorn and Hallstein.

1- The Chancellor said that conversations yesterday and the day before on EDF had at least served to define sharply differences in various member States' views on subject. He feels necessity for pressing forward vigorously to agreed draft treaty, but does not think his sense of urgency is sufficiently shared by his colleagues. Instead of departing tonight as he had expected, he will probably remain through tomorrow so that there can be further meetings.

He will attempt to secure a written statement from the Ministers defining areas of agreement and disagreement.

2- Adenauer believes that the French, Germans and Italians should be able to reach a substantial accord at this meeting except for security controls and German financial contribution mentioned below. Such an accord would then isolate the Benelux countries. Adenauer then believes that the US and UK should attempt to induce the Benelux countries to moderate their position and reach a compromise acceptable to all concerned. However, no such compromise should be at the expense of the cardinal points which the Germans and French consider essential to the creation of a real EDC.

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3- There are, however, certain matters which cannot be concluded at this meeting. One of them is security [illegible]. He hopes to discuss this privately with Schuman and possibly also with Pleven while he is in Paris. He did not think that this should prove too difficult. He said that a good deal of confusion had arisen in relation to it because of the many places and committees where it had been discussed.

4- A second and much more important matter which cannot be settled at this meeting is the German financial contribution. Adenauer said that he felt very strongly that Germany's economic and financial capabilities should be examined by the Wise Men so that the same criteria could be applied to Germany as had been the case with the NATO countries. In addition, such findings by the Wise Men would make his own situation vis-a-vis his Parliament and people much more understandable to them. He continues to maintain the position that any arrangement which would be regarded by the German people as a continuation of occupying costs of foreign armies would be completely unacceptable to them. That is why he would prefer that support for US and UK forces should be made from the EDC common budget.

Adenauer said that he must tell me quite frankly that the "Harris Committee" was, according to reports he had had, incompetent to settle this question with his representatives.

and that if the matter continued to be treated by this group there would be a long delay in reaching any conclusion which in turn would block completion of the contractual agreements and EDC. He wants to bring this matter to Mr. Harriman's attention and to that of the other Wise Men, but does not know procedurally how to do so. Hallstein discussed it yesterday with Monnet, but did not make any specific request about it. The Chancellor suggested that I might take it up if I wished with McCloy, but that unless something of the nature proposed by him were done, he thought our negotiations would bog down.

5- Adenauer said that the time might come when Germany, Italy and France would have to have a showdown with the Benelux countries, and if so, he trusted that the US would back the stand of the former group on the EDC. However, if the Benelux countries persisted in being obdurate and the other three countries should decide to go ahead regardless of them, it would pose difficulties in the German, French and Italian parliaments which might make any agreement that they reached impossible of ratification.

He was uncertain how much of Belgian position was bluff and how much was confusion. He wondered if the Belgians were hoping to receive some sort of special treatment, such as they had in connection with the Schuman Plan. He thought it likelythat the Dutch migh be to some degree influenced

by supposed British hostility to the EDC, and perhaps in this respect the British should be induced to aid in the matter. He considers Bech the wisest of the three Foreign Ministers, but is particularly concerned over Van Zeeland's lack of stability.

6. If the present Foreign Ministers' meeting fails to make all the decisions of principle necessary for the implementation of the conference's work, he expects to ask for another ministerial meeting in January.

He does not believe that it will be possible to get a draft treaty signed by the governments by February 1st, but considers that it is possible, if the Americans prove more reasonable than they have to date, to show such progress toward agreement by February 1st as to make the creation of the EDC a certainty, subject, of course, to final ratification by the various parliaments.

As to timing, his estimate was the same for the contractual arrangements.

7. Adenauer has been very impressed by Pleven and thinks it extremely important that all of these negotiations be terminated if possible while Pleven is in office.

He believes that as quickly as possible the French Government should take the initiative in a serious proposal for a political federation in Europe.

He said that he had no doubts about the ratification of

the Schuman Plan by the Bundestag and expected a majority of 40 to 50 votes.

8. The entire conversation was marked by the Chancellor's strong conviction of the necessity to tie FedRep to the Western World irrevocably through the media of the Schuman Plan, EDC and a European federal political structure. As to a defense contribution from Germany he does not contemplate any alternative to the EDF which he says must be constituted. It was clear that he saw no other way to solve such problems as security restrictions, support of U.S. and U.K. forces and an adequate financial contribution to defense and the demand to equality of treatment. He clearly feels he must carry the EDC through in view of his domestic political situation, the fear of many Germans of the revival of national militarism, and his own settled policy to build a European Community.

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Afterwards I had a talk with Tommy and Bowie about the various matters raised by Adenauer.

Bob Bowie has just [redacted] generously returned from his position at the Harvard Law School to spend another week helping us on the EDF and related German matters.

Messrs. André de Staercke of Belgium, and Jonkheer Vreydenberg of Halland, the heads of their respective delegations on the EDF, came to lunch with me, with Phil Bonsal as a fourth. We discussed at considerable length the opposition of the Belgian and Dutch governments to the position which now seems to be a common one taken by Germany, France and Italy. We drank [redacted] Chateau Latour 1918.

I spent a good deal of the afternoon with Tommy and Bowie regarding the EDF, and later I reviewed with Stan Cleveland and Tommy the minutes thus far received on the progress of the Foreign Ministers meeting [redacted] EDC.

Plevea asked me to see him at 3.30. I discussed my meeting with him upon my return to the office with

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various people and sent the following telegram:

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I saw Pleven this afternoon. He would like to know when Secretary Lovett is likely to see Bonnet and tell him about arms shipments to Indochina. Says material situation there bad because recent heavy fighting and consequent diminution and wear and tear equipment.

Pleven believes his governmental situation critical but not desperate (his admirable speech last night gave him victory over Daladier and others determined attack on Indochina policy). His next test will be budget debate which will continue over New Years and will come to final vote next week. At present Socialists oppose his program for cutting deficit railways and social security system. Independents and other members his coalition will not support new taxes unless he makes these economies. He may have to pose vote of confidence ten times.

He said request Fr Govt for postponement Lisbon conference primarily motivated by domestic political situation. If his Govt survives budget dispute Parliamentarians determined to take recess. This agreeable to him since between Jan 9 and 29 he could work on them to dispose them to better mood re

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Our Army. Foreign affairs debate would then start Jan 30 and by using strong methods he would limit it to week or ten days.

Pleven may shortly make announcement inviting other nations to participate in Our Constitutional Convention. He must be assured that idea will meet favorable reception from some of states to be invited. Such reception now seems certain. Chief remaining hesitation over timing springs from apprehension that in France might now be considered tricky attempt divert attention from dangerous financial difficulties. Eisenhower, myself and others very keen it be done immediately, particularly because ever present possibility Govt crisis.

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We went down to Versailles late to-night and at about eleven o'clock Hervé Alphand telephoned me that at the Finance Ministers meeting Messrs. Mayer of France and Schaeffer of Germany had substantially accepted the Benelux position on the common budget. This would be most inadvisable, and I am sure there must be a misunderstanding in connection with it. At any rate, the French and German delegations will go over the minutes to-night, and see what must be done, since some sort of common budget from the beginning is one of the most essential features of the plan.

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Sunday, December 30, 1951.

We took a walk in the park this morning.

Archduke Otto of Austria Hungary came to lunch, with his wife, [redacted] also Marie de Mouchy, and the [redacted] attractive young Duke and Duchess de Mouchy. Otto had recently returned from a visit to the United States. He gave me [redacted] interesting information, as he always does, on his interrogation of escapees from the Iron Curtain countries, particularly from Hungary.

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Phil Sprouse came down this afternoon with [redacted] papers on Indochina and other matters.

Later on, I talked to Messrs. Cleveland and Tomlinson about the proceedings to-day at the Foreign Ministers meeting. I think on the whole it has gone rather well, although they will not settle the question of the common budget.

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Monday, December 31, 1951.

I came to town this morning and went over to the Quai d'Orsay to talk to Messrs. Schuman and Parodi about the draft they have suggested for a statement by those United Nations with forces in Korea, to be made jointly by the fourteen countries concerned if an Armistice there is agreed upon. The French draft is at variance with ours on several important points. The French would like to include - even if it were in a veiled fashion - Indochina, in the sense that the United Nations would consider a fresh aggression almost anywhere in the Far East a reason for active intervention. This we cannot accept, since we feel [redacted] the declaration in question must be confined to occurrences [redacted] in Korea.

Back at the office, Phil Bonsal, Phil Sprouse and I considered this matter at considerable length, and after some telephoning agreed we would take it up again with the French at the Diplomatic Reception this afternoon.

Phil Bonsal, Generals O'Hare and MacCloskey,

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Joe Gray, and Captain Smith Hutton accompanied me to the President's annual reception for the diplomatic corps at the Elysée. It is always a fine sight. The Papal Nuncio and President Auriol made speeches and afterwards President Auriol circled the room speaking to the heads of all the missions. We then adjourned for champagne. I talked to M. Pleven about the Korean statement. He also told me, to my great regret, he had found it impossible to include a call for a constitutional convention for European Union in his radio address to-morrow. We had been banking heavily on this possibility as it seemed an admireble time to make such an announcement. Pleven's objection was that he had been forced to submit his budget to Parliament on a vote of confidence which will be taken later in the week. He felt an announcement of the sort proposed would be interpreted as an attempt on his part to divert the attention of the Assembly from the financial situation.

Messrs. Bonsal and myself went into another room with Messrs. Schuman, Parodi, Baeyens and others of the

French Foreign Office to talk further about the Korean matter. The French finally made a proposal which we are forwarding to Washington.

We went back to Versailles late to-night.

Looking back on this year, the most amusing newspaper article I have read is the following by Michael Hoffman.

I do not think, all things considered, the cause of the West in Europe has done too badly in 1951. The passage of the Schuman Plan by the French Parliament was a notable success. Military strength in NATO, largely due to General Eisenhower, has much improved. From the standpoint of the Embassy, the most difficult and disturbing affair connected with France is that concerning the war in Indochina. The consequences of it make a full military contribution by the French to NATO almost impossible without completely wrecking the French economy. It is a subject which constantly preoccupies us, as it has done for a long time. In looking back over our cables, I am particularly struck by one on this subject, sent by us on December 11, 1949, as follows:

Paris Has New Distinction: Second ...

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By MICHAEL L. HOFFMAN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PARIS, Nov. 11—As a result of some brilliant maneuvering within the past few days, Paris has acquired undisputed possession of the title of the world's second most confused city, only one step behind Washington. The distinction was not easily acquired, nor is the mantle being lightly worn. One feels, somehow, that the French capital will manage to defend the title for some little time to come.

It is true that United States circles are inclined to belittle the achievement, along with the French rearmament effort and the height of the Eiffel Tower, as being based, after all, on an imitation of a better United States model. Privately, the French will admit that success was achieved only after they had discovered the essential ingredient of modern administrative and civic confusion—the importation of really large numbers of United States officials, soldiers and politicians.

In fact, Paris has very nearly succeeded in reproducing the American capital on the banks of the Seine. A small group of French officials is organizing a movement to, so they say, move the French capital somewhere else on the reasonable ground that there is room for the whole United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty [illegible] a substantial part of the United States Government and the Government of France in this city. [illegible] there been an emergency [illegible], it probably would have been easier to get a quorum of both Houses of Congress here on short notice than in Washington. There are so many officials from the State and Defense Departments and the Economic Cooperation Administration under its new name of Mutual Security Agency that messages are being routed back from Washington because people who are supposed to answer them are here, or hereabout.

The Technique Outlined

Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett got in bad with one group of Senators and Representatives, not because he was not in Washington doing his job, but because he, or somebody bearing his authority, was not in Paris to approve the transportation of Congressional wives on an Army plane, as a result of which schedules were upset and huge planes took off almost empty as irate Congressmen and their wives queued up for berths on the night train to Bonn. In fairness to Mr. Lovett, it was pointed out that he is expected in Paris shortly.

The days have long passed when only heads of agencies visited the field to see how things were being done. Now virtually the entire staff comes along. The French are enjoying an unparalleled opportunity of watching at first hand how a first-class administrative muddle is managed by acknowledged experts.

In broad outlines, the technique—the French get all this free, by the way, in addition to military aid—is based on the inter-agency squabble and operated largely by means of the briefing session. Everyone from Washington above the level of a senior clerk, and everyone connected with Congress in any remote manner, has to be briefed upon arrival, at least twice a day during his stay and before departure. Each division of each agency briefs according to its version of the current gospel.

Any briefing that does not consist at least of 75 per cent of information pertaining to that particular division's essentiality in the common defense against communism is a cause for disciplinary action by higher authorities and may lead to charges of violation of "security."

The whole duty of an American in Paris is to brief other Americans and to prevent taking any decisions relating to European affairs, if one may judge by what one sees and hears as a mere reporter.

A New Payments Crisis

This situation has many advantages. For one thing, the Mutual Security Agency has been rendered almost incapable of spending any of the money Congress has appropriated for either military or economic aid. No money has been allocated for about eight months, thus leading to a splendid new balance of payments crisis to be analyzed and laid to the inefficiencies of the European Governments and economic systems. On the strength of this, more than a dozen new officials have found it necessary to come to Paris to "put more drive into the defense effort."

For another thing, nobody needs to worry anymore about what is happening in Europe. All that matters is what this division said in reply to that division's proposal for reorganizing the routing of recommendations about how many clearances are necessary for a report on the staffing of a planning unit to analyze productivity techniques.

There are still some slip-ups. Nobody has yet been able to prevent W. Averell Harriman from talking with Jean Monnet. This is only partly compensated for by the fact that nobody else can get in to talk with Mr. Harriman. Some of the outstanding experts on administration see in this latter fact clear indications of the right road for the future.

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BRUCE.

REDEPTEL 4633 Dec. 1.

1. In my view the Indochina problem should be considered by the US in a completely cold-blooded fashion. If as some observers contend, it is a matter of indifference to American security and political interests whether or not that country falls completely under Communist domination, then we are wasting our time in reflecting upon possible courses of action calculated to compress and suppress Communism there. If, however, as I personally believe very strongly, we as a nation have a vital interest in the establishment and maintenance in Indochina of a non-Communist Govt, we must reconcile ourselves to the necessity of adopting such practical measures as might at least give us an expectancy of bringing about this condition.

2. I assume that no responsible American official believes that we can afford to take a chance that Asiatic Communism will in a reasonable future become a national Communism more friendly to us than to the USSR or that a round table conference at which Bao Dai and Ho Chi Minh would sit as equals could result at best in more than a dangerous stalemate or, more probably, in the victory of the latter.

3. Let us first examine from the standpoint of realistic French politics what cannot and what can be done by the French Govt in this matter. (A) On the negative side, no French Cabinet would survive the running of the Parliamentary gauntlet if it suggested the withdrawal at present or in the near future of

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French troops from Indochina. Such a move besides the powerful opposition to it generated by considerations of national pride and prestige, of financial commitments and of sentimental ties would probably result in the massacre of tens of thousands of French civlians and anti-Communist Vietnamese as well as severe military losses to the troops covering evacuation. Shipping is not available in sufficient tonnage even to begin an operation of such magnitude whose only possible success would depend upon its being carried out with great speed. Other logistical considerations would be equally adverse. (B) At present no French Govt could remain in power that advocated complete independence either now or in the future for Indochina, if by complete independence we mean that the country would not form a portion of the French Union. Public opinion in France is unalterable on this point and only the Communists and some Left Wing Socialists would give support to such a notion. The French profess their willingness to abandon colonialism in all its forms as rapidly as is consistent with security, and feel that March 8 agreements are already a pledge of their good faith in that connection, but they sincerely believe and I agree that the maintenance of Vietnam in the union is the only present method by which Communism can be contained and a stable state created. Also, it should be observed that the parable of the mote applies to the French as well as to other nations. They do not feel any consciousness of having on balance grievously oppressed the native population or exploited it for their own exclusive benefit; on the contrary they take pride in having by their own account led with a vast expenditure of effort, blood and treasure a congeries of backward and ignorant peoples toward a state of enlightenment where they are sensible of nationhood and are demanding the rights of self-government. Bigoted as many foreigners may think this attitude to be, nevertheless it exists and is an element in the situation which must not be disregarded.

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4. The fact remains that there will be at the end of this year in Indochina almost one hundred and fifty thousand regular French and African troops, well equipped judged by Asiatic standards, and it is these and not any native forces which have prevented the country from having long ago fallen a prey to Ho Chi Minh and his Communist associates and followers. Naturally, there are in France and in the overseas territories from which these soldiers derive a multitude of families who would rather have these men at home than dying under the stinking circumstances of jungle warfare many thousand miles away. But the necessity for such service is almost universally understood by those upon whom it imposes the heaviest sacrifices. In addition great as is the financial burden heaped upon the French nation by this thankless war, which swallowed up this year about half a billion dollars in expenses none of which will ever be recuperated, an amount which represents approximately the deficit in the national budget and is deadly to sound fiscality, there is no intention in the French Parliament, contentious though the subject be, of laying down this task and abandoning the conflict there. All this is a sentiment deep-rooted in the national consciousness, despite the fact that while the best troops are engaged in these border skirmishes a far mightier enemy threatens her Rhine borders stripped of men that otherwise would help in their defense.

The above are not mere conjectures; they represent the practicalities of politics.

5. I agree of course with the Department's basic thesis of necessity wider popular support Bao Dai regime and important part played by widespread distrust of French as barrier to attainment of this popular support. I am convinced that there is no chance of French Government accepting the time table idea or the offer of international supervision, and that submission by

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US of these proposals which French Government could not possibly accept in view domestic political realities this subject would seriously prejudice the adoption of the program recommended below. In French view March 8 agreements supplemented by conventions now being negotiated at Saigon confer independence on Vietnam within French Union. Such limitations on sovereignty as will exist upon conclusion signing these agreements can gradually be removed when peaceful conditions restored and functioning non-Communist Viet Government in control until something approaching or even exceeding dominion status is attained. As long as presence French army, a certain number of trained French civil servants, and French financial support absolutely indispensable to maintenance non-Communist regime Indochina, a declaration of "complete independence for Vietnam at fixed future date" is out of question. I likewise believe that there is no chance of French accepting international supervision plan any more than the British would if it were suggested for Malaya. In addition factors national pride involved, almost universal revolt in French official and political life against what are considered unrealistic UN solutions of such problems as Italian colonies and UN attempt confer upon Trusteeship Council broader investigatory powers in French dependent areas would render acceptance such a scheme impossible and might prejudice ratification agreements now pending. Also, even broad-minded and liberal Frenchmen question necessity international supervision negotiations between partners, for it is as partners in struggle against Communist domination Indochina that French officials view Bao Dai and themselves. There is no parallel to Indonesian case. Some of the vitriolic native critics of the French, their freedom of speech and safety of person guaranteed by French bayonets, would cry lustily and despairingly if they were deprived of the military protection, the administrative assistance, and the subsidized economy which now defends them against terror, chaos and

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inflation. If there were deadlock between French and Bao-Dai and latter requested international supervision matter would be placed on different basis but in absence such request by Bao Dai average Frenchman would consider suggestion by us as gratuitous and offering opportunity much mischief-making (for instance by present Indian Consul General) in already complex enough situation in Saigon.

6. Since the French will neither leave Indochina lock, stock and barrel nor grant fuller independence to Vietnam than is consistent with membership in French Union, what can be done to further our objective of halting Communist expansion at the Tonkinese border? If that is not done Burma and Siam will fall like over-ripe apples and the British, as MacDonald has warned, will be forced to reconsider the tenability of their position in Malaya.

7. I shall outline below maximum program which we in Embassy, after mature reflection and discreet consultation with leading French official and political figures, believe feasible. This program falls considerably short of what we should like to see accomplished but is necessarily adapted to actual public opinion in France, to the capabilities of a Government operating with a slim Parliamentary majority and to other factors too well known to the Department to require comment here.

8. Program for French action should be:

(a) Immediate ratification of Auriol-Bao Dai, Franco-Cambodian and Franco-Laotian agreements. As previously reported decision to submit them to Parliamentary approval has already been taken.

(b) Immediately thereafter transfer of Indochina affairs from Ministry Overseas France to another government department. This principle accepted by Cabinet but majority Government thinking now appears against transfer to Fonoff and in favor creation Ministry French Union on pattern British Commonwealth Office.

(c) Completion and signing supplementary accords Saigon and turning over

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powers to Viet authorities in picturesque ceremony attended by Pignon and Bao Dai in which former either makes or reiterates (according to timing see Point (d) below) declaration of evolutionary principle characterizing Franco-Viet relations.

(d) A statement by the French Government as clear, dramatic and sweeping as possible made before, during or after the ratification debates to the effect that the March agreements represent only one step in an evolutionary program, that they are not intended permanently to define the status of Vietnam within the French Union and that the final treaty defining that status willbe concluded with a duly elected Vietnamese Government as soon as conditions in Indochina permit the normal operation of democratic processes and the establishment of definitive constitutional institutions.

9. As heretofore outlined I consider that this program is the best that the French can be expected to consider at this time.

10. To increase chances success this policy and our objective I believe foregoing French action should be supplemented by the following:

(a) Recognition of Bao-Dai Government by US and UK and as many other states, particularly in neighboring areas, as can be induced follow us.

(b) Recognition of Bao Dai to precede or to be simultaneous with recognition of Mao-Tse-Tung. (By the UK)

(c) The latter recognition to be accompanied by statement to Chinese Communist regime that the UK, US, and such other powers, including India and SEA countries, as care to join would take grave view of any attempt by China on any pretext to extend her authority south of Tonkinese frontier.

(d) Direct ECA financing in Indochina (Dept will recall that we are practically committed to this if French request it).

(e) Consideration of extending aid to Vietnam from special 75 million dollar

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fund provided by MDAP law to be distributed at discretion President to stop communism in China and neighboring areas.

If the Department favors this program it might consider the desirability of discussion of it with British and, if agreed, its presentation should be accompanied by a bilateral offer of action by the United States and United Kingdom on the points in para 10. This presentation should be made quickly and should be designed to elicit support if possible from Asian states. It may fail to achieve results for various reasons such as internal Indochinese complications or a decision by Mao-Tse-Tung for direct military invasion of the peninsula. At present we are almost in a stalemate. We are waiting for the French to act, the French are hoping that help from us may make their internal political problem easier. Bao Dai has improved his chances and has gathered increased strength but is waiting for both of us. Any course of action we may decide upon involves some risks but the greatest risk and one certain to precipitate failure is that consequent upon continued inaction. A view that Ho-Chi-Minh will inevitably take over Indochina is dangerous and defeatist. We should act courageously and speedily within the limits of the possible. If the above program is carried out I believe it will promote American security interests.

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